

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2013

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Zeke Goodband at 6pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Joe Cook, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday, Lewis White

Also present: Janet Avery, Lisa Blake, Ann Davis, Rick Davis, Sam Farwell, Laurie Frechette, Maria Glabach, Jean Momaney, Herb Rest, Lt. Dana Shepard, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Winnie Vogt, Mark Whitaker, Melissa Worden, Mike Faher from *Brattleboro Reformer*, Rich Melanson from BCTV

On a motion from Bill and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from March 6th and the payment of Warrants 19 & 19P.

The Board recognized Sam Farwell, the Chair of the Planning Commission, who spoke of their work on the RT 5/30 corridors study and the timeframe for the municipal planning grant work. The deadline for completion is May 2014. He asked for direction and/or suggestions from the Board on their proposed work. Steve spoke of the history behind the majority & minority reports from the RT 5/30 Corridors Committee.

Sam then donned his Energy Committee member hat and asked that the Board formally request assistance from the Energy Committee in choosing a new heating system for the Highway garage. Steve moved to ask the Energy Committee to work with Lee Chamberlin in choosing a new heating system that is cost effective and environmentally friendly. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 4-1.

Sam briefly spoke about the email from Jerelyn Wilson regarding a potential municipal solar system. This subject was then tabled until the April 3rd meeting.

The Board recognized Lt. Dana Shepard from the Windham County Sheriff's Department, who was just touching base with the Board and gave a brief update of recent activities.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Rick Davis who presented the updated Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP) for signing. Bill moved to sign the RERP with the minor adjustments to be made. Joe seconded the motion. Lewis ask for the corrections to be made before signing off on the plan. The motion was defeated 0-5.

Rick stated that the Selectboard training is now available online; this will allow the Town to be eligible for more grants.

There will be a complete RERP overview presentation at the Community Center on April 18th at 6pm.

Steve reported that Cory Frehsee is currently working on the DRB permit adjustment for the fence at the Renaud Gravel Pit.

Correspondence for information included: emails from John Warren & Herb Rest requesting reappointments to DRB; letter of interest from Marty Forrett to be appointed to DRB; March 2013

Windham Regional Commission newsletter; 3/9 corrected DRB decision for the Thibaults; Act 250 Project Review sheets for Carriage House & Sugarhouse at Scott Farm.

The Board briefly reviewed correspondence between the Listers, Paul Smith and Atty. Proctor regarding the Learning Collaborative.

The Board reviewed a letter from Melissa Worden regarding the lease between the Community Center and the Lydia Taft Pratt Library and history of these two entities. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that Lewis will facilitate another meeting between the two Boards and hopefully this issue can be brought to closure.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Community Center Trustees clarifying a few questions that arose at the February 27th meeting.

On a motion by Steve and second from Lewis, the Board voted 5-0 to sign an updated lease between the Town of Dummerston and the Community Center Board of Trustees. Jean Momaney signed for the Community Center. This lease will run until June 30, 2014.

The Board recognized DRB Chair, Herb Rest who presented his request that the Selectboard conduct an official investigation into allegations that the DRB is acting unfairly in their decisions. He distributed a new letter and stated that the Selectboard has bullied the DRB and "runs away". Lew Sorenson spoke in support of Herb's request to have a fact-finding session of recent DRB decisions. He feels that some recent remarks can be considered slanderous. Individual Board members declined to apologize for either their own or other Board members' previous comments.

The Board reviewed the list of Town officers to be appointed/reappointed.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 (1 abstention) to reappoint Zeke Goodband and Wayne Emery as Animal Control Officers.

On a motion from Bill and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint Lee Chamberlin as Road Foreman.

On a motion from Steve and second by Lewis, the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint Ruth Barton as Weigher of Coal.

On a motion from Steve and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint Mark Whitaker as Fence Viewer.

On a motion from Bill and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint Pamela McFadden as Current & Delinquent Tax Collector.

On a motion from Bill and second by Joe, the Board voted 4-0 (1 abstention) to reappoint Steve Glabach as Police Advisory Board Liaison.

Lewis moved to reappoint Rick Davis as Emergency Management Director. Bill seconded the motion. Steve spoke of his preference to have the job opening posted. After some discussion, the motion was defeated 2-3. It was noted that a no vote is NOT a vote against Rick and his performance, it is simply in favor of posting the position.

Letters of interest for the DRB have been received from Patty Walior, Marty Forrett, Hugh Worden, Steve Jarosak, Herb Rest and John Warren. Laurie was asked to invite them to come to an interview session on April 3rd, before the regular meeting.

Bill moved to authorize the Selectboard Chair to sign the Structures Grant application when it has been completed. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 4-0 (with Steve abstaining).

It was decided to post all open positions on the Town's website and request all letters of interest to be submitted no later than April 2nd.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant