

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2013

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Zeke Goodband at 6:00pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Not present: Joe Cook

Also present: Maria Glabach, Jean & Harold Newell, Jody Normandeau, Gail Sorenson, Alex Wilson, Mike Faher from *Brattleboro Reformer*, Rich Melanson from BCTV, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Steve and second by Lewis, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from April 17th.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 22, 22P, CF6, EC3 & RB7.

The Board recognized Harold Newell who read a statement expressing his frustration and dismay at the way he has been treated as a newly appointed member of the Cemetery Committee. He questioned why he has been "cut" from this committee without a vote of the full Board at a properly warned meeting. Zeke took responsibility for accepting too many members of the committee, which has historically been set at five. The Board agreed to add this topic to the May 15th meeting agenda.

The Board recognized Energy Committee member, Alex Wilson who spoke about the possibility of pursuing a municipal photo-voltaic energy system and asked whether the Board supported this concept. They gave him the go-ahead to get more information.

Jody Normandeau asked Alex about the status of the non-invasive lighting project for the Town Office/Church area. He responded that the committee continues to work on this project.

On a motion by Bill and second from Lewis, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the Town Clerk to request a traffic study report on Sugar House Road from the Windham Regional Commission.

The Board opened bids for the tractor/mower/blower from Chappell Tractor Sales (\$54,700) and Pinnacleview (\$53,950). The bid will be reviewed over the next two weeks; the contract will be awarded at the May 15th meeting.

Steve updated the Board on the Renaud Gravel Pit. He offered to represent the Town at an upcoming meeting with Stevens & Assoc. on May 13th regarding the construction of the access road to the gravel pit. Lee has also been invited to attend this meeting.

Correspondence for information included: letter of interest from Barbara Hamilton to join the Conservation Commission; letter of interest from Beverly Tier to join the Development Review Board; DRB Land Use Decision for Allard Lumber Company on Old Ferry Road; DRB Conditional Use Review for Betty Ann Morse on School House Road (subdivision); preliminary letter from ANR to Jesse Palmer for construction of 3-bedroom home on Rice Farm Road; Land Use Permit

amendment #WW0929-2 for Landmark Trust USA on Kipling Road; Zoning Administrator's Quarterly Report; update from Delinquent Tax Collector.

Steve moved to approve a letter to Ken Carpenter regarding the biennial increase in the price paid by the Towns of Dummerston and Putney for gravel and sand. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed a letter from Terry Chapman, resigning from the Cemetery Committee. The Board declined to accept her resignation at this time and will revisit it at the May 15th meeting.

Steve Glabach submitted a letter of resignation from the Planning Commission, effective immediately. Lewis moved to accept his resignation with regret. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 3-0 (Steve abstained).

No action was taken on the revised RERP.

Lewis moved to appoint Beverly Tier as an alternate to the Development Review Board; Steve seconded the motion. It was defeated 2-2.

Bill moved to retain Town Attorney, Bob Fisher in the mediation session with Kevin & Lori Thibault. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 3-0 (Lewis recused himself).

The Board reviewed the bid specifications for work to be done at the Wilder Cemetery. Lewis moved to accept the specs as presented; Bill seconded the motion. It passed 3-0 (Steve abstained).

Zeke gave a brief update on the April 24th goals work session. Minutes will be available and posted on the website soon.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant