

**TOWN OF DUMMERSTON
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
6:00PM - at the Town Office**

Attendees - Jean Newell, Doug Hamilton, Charlotte Annis, Jody Normandeau, Maria Glabach, Laurie Frechette (left at 6:15), Rich M (BCTV), Pam McFadden, Mike F. (Reformer)

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Zeke Goodband called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. All Board members present.

II. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING –May 29

Lewis moved, Steve seconded minutes were approved.

III. REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT – 25, 25P, CC6, EC5

Lewis moved, Steve seconded to approve bills for payment. 5-0

Bids were opened for the authorized audit. Bids were submitted by Sullivan, Powers & Co. of Montpelier, VT and Melanson Heath & Company, PC of Greenfield, MA. Board members agreed to study the sizeable packets and take action at the June 26 meeting.

IV. BOARD OF LISTERS

Listers reported on a potential problem with the West River Trail along the West River. Joe will research the situation and contact those involved and report to the board at its next meeting. The Listers also reported on the on-going situation with the Learning Collaborative including an appeal by the LC of the 2013 tax assessment.

V. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Zoning Administrator, Charlotte Annis, recommended training of DRB members. The Select Board overwhelmingly supported it.

VI. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pam McFadden reported the town's electric bill has not been reduced by the elimination of lights in Dummerston Center. GMP stated the town still pays for the lights until they are removed.

VII. RENAUD GRAVEL PIT UPDATE

Steve thanked Treasurer, Laurie Frechette, for her work with the Town of Putney in smoothing the opening of the Renaud Gravel Pit. Steve reported that the access road is well under way and "significant" progress is being made.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION

Pam McFadden reported on confusion over late filing and penalties. New legislation has caused confusion. Joe moved to NOT assess penalties for this year for failure to file homestead declaration. Steve seconded the motion. Passed 5-0

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To the Dummerston Emergency Management Team:

I want to commend Dummerston's Emergency Management Team for their professionalism during the drill on June 5, 2013. After speaking with one of the observers, it became very apparent how serious each member of our team took their responsibilities.

Observing Jean Momaney, Bess Richardson and Ruth Barton manning the communications, was a model of experience and teamwork.

The joint efforts of Fire Chief Rick Looman and Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin in coordinating all the activities involved in this drill were superb.

Sue Daigler was very diligent assigning radiation kits, instructing us on their use and monitoring everyone's radiation exposure. Thank you to David Patriquin for help in setting up the monitoring station.

Chad Farnum, Town Constable, did a nice job filling in the voids and helping out with a radio communications issue.

I would also like to thank Rick Davis, Emergency Management Director and Larry Lynch Assistant Emergency Management Director for their involvement in assembling such a confident team.

Sincerely,

Steve Glabach

The Town Treasurer's report was given by Laurie Frechette. Revenues are running ahead of expenditures. Zeke thanked Pam McFadden for excellent effort in pursuing delinquent taxes.

Zeke commented on the GMP report.

Bill agreed to contact Lew Sorenson's concerning Lew's email and, hopefully, report to the board at the next meeting.

Joe brought up the 'minority' report of the Corridor Committee in connection with Lew's email.

The difficulty of the turn for the Green Iron Bridge was brought up and Zeke and Bill agreed to inspect the area.

The board agreed to let the law run its course with respect to the Learning Collaborative prompted by a letter from Attorney Bob Fisher. Steve moved "to have Bob Fisher submit the letter that he's prepared." Bill second. Passed 5-0

The board agreed to interview William Collins who requested to be placed on the Energy Committee. Steve asked if this position could be advertised. Lewis concurred and all agreed.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New positions have been posted. Lewis questioned the placing of a Planning Commissioner on the DRB. Zeke suggested it wait until the June 27 'summit' meeting.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Lewis moved to sign the agreement for the Dutton Farm Road Project. Bill second. 5-0
Bill moved, Steve second to sign the Sub Grant with Vermont Emergency Management. 5-0
Lew moved, Bill second to sign the contract with the Sheriff's Department for 2014. 5-0
Zeke agreed to call the Tree Warden to look into a health situation with Oak (Maples) Trees.
Board adjourned to become the Liquor Commission to respond to a request from Windham
Wines for a liquor permit. Lew moved, Steve second (7:10 PM) to approve a permit from 4:30
- 10:00. 5-0
Lew moved, Bill second to adjourn Liquor Commission at 7:13 PM. 5-0
Lew moved, Bill second to adjourn Board meeting. 5-0 meeting adjourned at 7:14:40