

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2013

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

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

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Paul & Terry Chapman, Mike Faher from *Brattleboro Reformer*, Laurie Frechette, Maria Glabach, Mike Gouin, Eva Greene, Vern Grubinger, Jack Manix, Rich Melanson from BCTV, Read Miller, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Alex Wilson

On a motion by Joe and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes of August 7th, along with the payment of Warrants 4 & 4P.

Bill moved to recess the Selectboard meeting and immediately convene as the Liquor Commission. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Commission recognized Michael Gouin, who is catering a wedding at the Scott Farm on August 24th. His application for a catering license listed the ending time as 11pm. At their last meeting, the Commission changed that time to 10pm. He asked that his original request be granted. Lewis moved to change the ending time to 11pm. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

At 6:03pm, Bill moved to adjourn as the Liquor Commission and reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board recognized Alex Wilson from the Energy Committee, who spoke about a potential municipal solar project. After a lengthy discussion, Bill suggested putting together a presentation in laymen's terms to get the message out to townspeople, with a list of the benefits of this type of project.

The Board and Alex discussed the recently distributed energy survey. Alex apologized for the Committee not submitting the survey and cover letter to the Selectboard before sending them out.

Terry Chapman expressed her concern about Town committees/boards accepting anonymous donations on behalf of the Town before running it by the Selectboard. It was agreed that this has not been an issue in the past, therefore the Town does not have a written policy.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented the Board with a proposed Safety Training Policy for the highway crew. Bill moved to approve the policy as presented. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Lee reported that the Dutton Farm Road project is going well, yet taking a bit longer to complete than originally planned.

Lee stated that the Green Iron Bridge is on Rice Farm Road. He would like to place a yield sign at the south end of Quarry Road. Laurie will check on what is required to change the Traffic Ordinance.

Steve spoke of his concerns about the intersection of RT 5 and Middle Road. He and Lee will try to schedule a meeting with VTrans to discuss the situation.

Correspondence for information included: copy of letter of support from Planning Commission for VT Land Trust to purchase development rights on the Bunker Farm; Act 250 application (& letter from ANR) for Christie Turner & Godfrey Renaud on US RT 5.

The Board revisited a request from the VT Land Trust for a letter of support for their application to purchase the development rights on the Bunker/Cassidy farm. Zeke moved to approve their request; Joe seconded the motion. After a lengthy discussion, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the request.

The Board reviewed a recommendation from the Farmland Protection Committee for \$18,000 to go toward the purchase of the development rights on the Bunker Farm. Lewis moved to expend \$15,000; Steve seconded the motion. After much discussion, Steve offered a friendly amendment (accepted by Lewis) to increase the expenditure to \$18,000. The motion passed as amended by a 5-0 vote.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant