

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 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: BCTV, Michelle Cherrier, Richard Cogliano, Laurie Frechette, Maria Glabach, Eva Greene, Gail Sorenson

On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes of August 21st.

On a motion by Bill and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 5, 5P & Conservation Commission 1.

The Board recognized Michelle Cherrier, the Town's representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District, who gave an update on the District's recent activities.

Planning Commission Vice-Chair, Richard Cogliano spoke to the Board about the Municipal Planning Grant that Dummerston is applying for jointly with the Town of Putney. They are applying for a \$15,000 grant; no matching funds will be required. On a motion by Steve and second from Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the grant application.

Correspondence for information included: copy of Selectboard's letter of support for VT Land Trust to purchase development rights on the Bunker Farm; Treasurer's report as of 8/31/13; Town Attorney's notices of appearance for Transcanada Hydro Northeast & Eliot Ferguson's lawsuits.

The Board reviewed notices of the 9/10 joint DRB hearing with the Town of Putney for the proposed Park & Ride facility near Exit 4. Joe made a motion for the Board to send a letter to the DRB and the State of VT expressing their concerns over the large scale of the project, lighting and paving. Bill seconded the motion. Zeke offered a friendly amendment (accepted) to ask if they have done a study justifying the scale of the project. After discussion, the motion passed 4-1.

The Board reviewed a letter from VLCT regarding the Constable's statutory authority. The State's policy allows for the serving of summons; however Dummerston's does not. The Board decided not to make any changes at this time.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint William Collins to the Energy Committee (term to expire in March 2016).

On a motion from Lewis and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the 8/29/13 Certificate of Change to the 2013 Grand List from the Listers.

Steve asked if any changes had been made to the lighting on the Covered Bridge. Laurie offered to email Stan Howe & report back to the Board.

Steve spoke recent complaints he has received about possible illegal burning on Roel Road. As Health Officer, Zeke will check into the situation.

At 6:53pm, Joe moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Laurie left the room.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:18pm. Bill moved to authorize Lewis to contact Town Atty. Bob Fisher regarding the Southern VT Learning Collaborative's lawsuit.

Joe moved to retain the services of Dart Everett to do an appraisal on the Ferguson property. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant