

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 12, 2014

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

Members present: Joe Cook, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Gurudharm Khalsa, Lewis White

Also present: BCTV, Phoebe Chamberlin, Mike Faher, Lt. Paul Favreau, Laurie Frechette, Nader Hashim, Cindy Jerome, Ann Knapp, Greg Moschetti, John Sommer, Gail Sorenson, Robert Wood

Steve moved to approve the minutes of the October 29th meeting as presented. Lewis seconded the motion. Gurudharm offered a friendly amendment to add the following verbiage: "there was general consensus that there needs to be mutual consideration between neighbors --- those who enjoy firing their guns and those who hear and tolerate the gunfire near a residential section of town". This friendly amendment was not accepted. The motion passed by a 3-2 vote.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 10, 10P, and Recreation Board #4.

The Board recognized Lt. Paul Favreau from the VT State Police, who discussed police coverage options. He stated that Sgt. Frank LaBombard has been assigned as Dummerston's trooper.

Greg Moschetti began the discussion on the old road which connects Sunset Lake Road to Wickopee Hill/Pleasant Valley Road. The part of this road which is in Dummerston is Kelly Road. The road on the Brattleboro side has been blocked by a property owner. A lengthy discussion ensued, with Ann Knapp, Robert Wood, Phoebe Chamberlin and Mr. Moschetti stating their belief that this road has not been "thrown up" and should be considered a public right-of-way. As the issue lies in the town of Brattleboro, Steve moved authorize Zeke to contact their Selectboard Chair and encourage him to place this topic on their agenda. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Correspondence for Review included: emails re: high-speed broadband internet service; memo from VLCT re: availability of vision care insurance; DRB decision for Allard Lumber; Act 250 Supplemental Comments for Godfrey Renaud & Christie Turner on RT 5.

The Board invited Social Services Advisory Committee members Cindy Jerome, Gail Sorenson and John Sommer to join them at the table. Cindy presented their recommendation to increase the total Social Services budget by 10-11% to place Dummerston more in-line with area towns. Lewis vehemently disagreed with this suggestion; arguing that it would place more of a burden on taxpayers who may be in need of taking advantage of these very services. He asked for more information, which Gail agreed to provide. After much discussion, Zeke agreed to take their request under consideration at the upcoming budget work sessions, keeping in mind that it may be reduced.

The Board reviewed a request from School Nurse, Mary Ann Runge for an \$80 appropriation from the Miller Fund for medical expenses. On a motion from Lewis and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to approve her request.

The Board reviewed a request from the Nature Conservancy for a letter of support for the Black Mountain Natural Area; a template was provided. Gurudharm moved to approve their request, omitting the sentence about the West River Trail. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board discussed the Town Constable's duties. It was agreed that the Constable has no law enforcement responsibilities in Town. All law enforcement calls should be directed to the State Police or Sheriff's Department.

Cemetery Mowing bids were received from Castine Property Services, Howe's Lawn Care, and McGowan Property Maintenance. Laurie will provide spreadsheets at the next meeting, at which time the Board may award the bid.

Zeke reported on the recent WSWMD meeting in Townshend.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant