

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2016

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

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

Not Present: Jerelyn Wilson

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Terry Chapman, Shorty Forrett, Laurie Frechette, Maria Glabach, Dan Ingold, Alan McBean, Jean & Harold Newell, Lewis White, Alex Wilson, BCTV

As the first order of business, Zeke added the following item to the agenda: letter from "Rutland Resolution: under Correspondence for Discussion and/or Action.

On a motion by Joe and second from Gurudharm, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from January 6th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Gurudharm, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 15, 15P, and Conservation Commission Fund #6.

Correspondence for Information included: copy of 1/5 letter from VT Natural Resources Board to VT Superior Court re: assurance of discontinuance for Renaud Gravel Pit; VLCT weekly Legislative report; 1/14 email from Eesha Williams requesting an increase in Town Library's budget; Zoning Administrator's quarterly report.

The Board recognized Development Review Board Chair, Alan McBean, who presented a letter from the DRB expressing their displeasure over recent actions by Selectboard member, Joe Cook. These actions were regarding the appeal to the DRB by the Friends of the West River Trail for a kiosk at the trailhead on Rice Farm Road. Joe explained that while he was aware that the DRB is a quasi-judicial board; he did not know that they cannot accept ex parte communications. He apologized profusely and offered to write an official letter of apology to the DRB. Alan thanked him for his apology.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The new dump truck arrived yesterday. The \$2800 stormwater mitigation payment to the State will begin in FY 2018. He is planning to submit an application for a Better Backroads grant to improve erosion issues on Upper Dummerston Rd.

Lee reported on the recent pre-bid meeting for the Park Laughton Road project. Representatives from A.S. Clark & Sons, Cold River Bridges, JE Evans Construction and Renaud Bros. were in attendance.

The Board reviewed a Curb Cut Permit request from Albert Wood (for Edward Cogliano) at 1266 Stickney Brook road. Steve moved to approve the request. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board recognized Dan Ingold, of Jacobs, Inc. who presented Allard Lumber's proposal to apply for a Certificate of Public Good for a steam turbine to power a 149 kw generator at their facility on Old Ferry Road. On a motion from Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Zeke to write a letter of support for the project.

On a motion by Steve and second from Joe, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a request from the Board of Listers for an extension in filing the 2015 Grand List.

The Board reviewed a request to adopt the "Rutland Resolution" regarding the locating of energy producing sites. They agreed with Zeke's recommendation to take no action and to support VLCT's resolution.

Steve moved to approve the 2016 Town Meeting Warning. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Gurudharm moved to amend the FY 2017 General Fund budget to \$411,476. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Laurie was asked to contact the Evening Star Grange and ask them to prepare the luncheon for Town Meeting.

The February 3rd meeting will be held at 5pm in the downstairs of the Congregational Church, with a Candidates' Forum to follow at 6pm.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Gurudharm Khalsa, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant