

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 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, Jerelyn Wilson, Hugh Worden

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Laurie Frechette, Jean & Harold Newell, Rich Melanson from BCTV

As the first item of business, Zeke added the following items to the agenda: sign Certification of Roads Compliance; review letter from Jason Evans.

On a motion by Joe and second from Jerelyn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from March 2nd.

On a motion by Steve and second from Hugh, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 19, 19P, and Recreation Board #7.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He went over the bid specs for the new dump truck. Lee reported that the Salmon Brook bridge has made Windham Regional Commission's top 10 list for replacement.

Lee and Town Treasurer, Charlotte Annis will be meeting with members of VT Agency of Transportation on Thursday, March 24th at 1pm. They will also visit the Canoe Brook Road project afterward. He invited any interested Selectboard members to join them.

Mud season is going quite well. Hill Road is the worst but is passable.

On a motion from Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Certification of Roads Compliance.

Zeke read a letter from Jason Evans into the record. The letter regarded the Board's recent decision to award the bid for the Park Laughton Road project to A.S. Clark.

Correspondence for Information included: VLCT weekly Legislative reports; notice of Act 250 application for The Nature Conservancy on Black Mountain; update from WRC on Windham Wood Heat Initiative; Wastewater System Permit #WW25049 for Edward Cogliano on Stickney Brook Road.

Steve moved to accept Larry Doucette's letter of resignation from the Energy Committee with regret and well-wishes. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Steve moved to accept Terry Chapman's letter of resignation from the Board of Auditors with regret. Hugh seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Jerelyn moved to accept Charlotte Neer Annis's letter of resignation as Zoning Administrator with regret. Joe seconded the motion. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed an email from Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard regarding training requirements.

Laurie agreed to draft a job description for the zoning administrator position, and will review that description with Sam Farwell.

The Board discussed a letter from the Dummerston Nature Reserve and Trail Committee dated March, 2016 which was addressed to the Prospect Hill Trustees and Margaret Everitt. That letter noted their plans to discontinue efforts to establish a trail connecting Prospect Hill with the Putney Mountain Association’s trail system. They offered to provide assistance should the Trustees decide to keep a portion of the Loop Trail as an alternate way to access the summit on Town land. Jerelyn agreed to find out whether Mary Lou Schmidt had received that letter, and suggested that the VYCC might be approached about helping to maintain the recently cleared land at the summit of Prospect Hill.

Under unfinished business, upon a motion by Steve and seconded by Jerelyn, the Board unanimously agreed to have Maeve Jenks serve on the Town’s Recreation Board. Everyone on the first page of the sheet that Laurie had prepared agreed to continue to serve in their current positions. In addition, Dan Marx agreed to continue to serve on the Connecticut River Joint Commission. On the second page of that sheet Mary Ellen Copeland agreed to continue to serve on the Conservation Commission. Rita Ramirez agreed to continue to serve on the Social Services Advisory Committee. Molly Stoner resigned from the Recreation Board. Jonathan Royce agreed to serve as a second tree warden. Bill Schmidt declined to continue to serve on the Farmland Committee. We have yet to hear from Sam Griffis with respect to the Development Review Board, Carrie Ritson concerning the Recreation Board, Larry Cassidy concerning the Vermont Community Development Program, and the other members of the Social Services Advisory Committee. Following a motion by Jerelyn that was seconded by Steve, the board unanimously agreed to appoint the members of the existing Town boards and committees that had agreed to continue to serve in their current capacities:

Development Review Board (3-year term)	Cami Elliott
Development Review Board (1-year alternate term)	Marty Forrett
Conservation Commission (4-year terms)	John Anderson
	Jane Michaud
	Betsy Whittaker
Energy Committee (3 year terms)	William Collins
	Stan Howe
	Alex Wilson
One year terms:	
Emergency Management Director	Dawn Hubbard
Weigher of Coal	Ruth Barton
Poundkeepers	Sylvio Forrett
	Ron Svec
Inspector of Wood & Lumber	Sylvio Forrett
Fence Viewers	Ruth Barton
	Nelson Jillson
	Harold Newell

Cemetery Committee	Lee Chamberlin Terry Chapman Janice Duke Shorty Forrett
Senior Solutions Representative Rescue, Inc. Representative Farmland Committee	Ruth Barton Harold Newell Vern Grubinger Nelson Jillson Diana Lischer-Goodband Jack Manix Read Miller
Windham Regional Commission	Lew Sorenson Roger Turner
Windham Solid Waste Management District Representatives	Michelle Cherrier Lester Dunklee
VT Community Development Program	Jack Lilly Jack Manix
Recreation Board	Melanie Chamberlin Keith Marshall Ellen Nam

Zeke noted that we have two vacancies on the Planning Commission, for which there is one applicant, two vacancies on the Energy Committee, and a vacancy for the one year alternate position on the Development Review Board.

Upon a motion by Steve that was seconded by Zeke, at 7:25 the board recessed its meeting, and reconvened as the liquor commission. Steve made a motion to approve the liquor license renewal for Sandri, Inc. That motion was seconded by Zeke, and passed unanimously. Following another motion by Steve that was seconded by Zeke, the board reconvened at 7:28.

Joe and Hugh summarized the Vermont League of Cities and Towns' Selectboard Institute meeting that they attended on Saturday. Joe commented upon what a tremendous resource the league is for our town. On the agenda of that meeting was quasijudicial rules of a Selectboard, in which our board rarely finds itself, municipal road permits designed to protect Vermont's surface waters, and a legislative update. Joe attended the afternoon program on the open meeting law, and received the League's Model Rules of Procedure for Municipal Boards, Committees, and Commissions, which he had distributed to the members of the board prior to the meeting. Joe agreed to present a draft of Rules of Procedure at our next meeting that conform with the Board's current practices.

Jerelyn will be working on the Board's article for the Views which is due on March 29th.

There being no further business, following a motion by Steve that was seconded by Joe the meeting was adjourned at 7:46.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Joe Cook, Clerk
Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant