

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 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, Rich Cogliano, Laurie Frechette, David Hiler, Rick Looman, Jean & Harold Newell, Joann Tyler, BCTV

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Hugh, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from March 30th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 21 and 21P.

The Board recognized Jean Newell, who read a statement into the record thanking the Board for asking her to continue as an Auditor for another year and explaining her reasons declining their offer.

The Board recognized David Hiler, prospective buyer of the Hidden Acres Campground, who presented their proposed plans for the property.

Fire Chief and Assistant Chief Rick Looman and Rich Cogliano joined the Board at the table to present their request for a special Town Meeting to request up to \$175,000 to be raised in taxes for the reconstruction of the Center Fire Station. The Fire Dept. has raised \$105,000 to date for this project.

Steve asked them about running a Capital Fund Drive to request donations prior to having a special Town Meeting, thus lowering the amount of funds that will need to be raised through taxes.

He also asked about the Fire Department's 501c3 status. They are in the process of applying for it. Once the application has been submitted, donations may be considered tax-deductible.

Laurie explained that donations may be written to the Town, with a notation that they are to be earmarked for the Fire Dept. At the end of the campaign, a special Town Meeting should be held to authorize the funds transfer to the Fire Dept. Thus they can still be considered tax-deductible. Steve wants further clarification that this is actually true.

The firemen (including Lee Chamberlin) explained to the Board that their resources are tapped out when it comes to pursuing further fundraising. They do have a fundraising committee who has been working hard to raise money. Board members offered to step up to help them run a Capital Fund Drive.

After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided to put scheduling a special Town Meeting off for now. They thanked the Fire Dept. for their hard work and commitment.

The Board recognized town resident, Joann Tyler, who asked about the Town's regulations regarding excessive firearms shooting. The Town does not have a specific ordinance regarding shooting and noise; we go by the State statutes.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The road crew is working on hauling gravel and grading roads. Lee met with Hugh & Steve re: the bidding process. All bid questions are to be sent to the Town Clerk/SB Asst. who will disseminate them to the Selectboard and all bidders via email.

Steve asked Lee about the status of the Canoe Brook Road drainage issue (letter received from Rick Foley). All pertinent information has been sent to our insurance company; we are waiting for a response. Lee and Laurie will respond to Mr. Foley by email.

Steve moved to award the bid for a new Western Star dump truck to J & B Truck Center for \$132,202. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard, who reported that Dummerston's Hazard Mitigation plan is third in line with Windham Regional Commission. The Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) is nearly done. The deadline is May 1st.

No Board member plans to attend the April 14th RERP overview presentation.

Correspondence for Information included: VLCT weekly Legislative reports; Marlboro, VT's Hazard Mitigation Plan; date correction for 4/26 DRB hearing on Fire Station construction; letter from WSWMD re: changes in recycling requirements/acceptance.

On a motion by Steve and second by Hugh, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Chad Farnum as an alternate on the Development Review Board for a one-year term.

On a motion by Hugh and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Charlotte Neer Annis as the Interim Zoning Administrator for up to 60 days.

Setting a date for a Goals Work Session was tabled to a future meeting.

At 8:12pm, Steve moved to recess the regular meeting and convene as the Liquor Commission. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board approved the Liquor License renewal for JW Sandri, Inc. (Exit 4 Sunoco) on Route 5 by a 5-0 vote.

On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board approved a Liquor Catering Request from JD McCliments Pub for a wedding at the Scott Farm on May 28th by a 5-0 vote.

At 8:14pm, the Board adjourned as the Liquor Commission and reconvened as the Selectboard.

Jerelyn reported that she is working with VLCT on a Municipal Staff evaluation process.

Zeke invited any interested Board members to attend the upcoming Transition Dummerston meeting on April 22nd at 7pm. They will be discussing Dummerston Cares.

The Planning Commission will be setting up interviews with applicants for the Zoning Administrator's position. Selectboard members are welcome to attend.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant