

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 11, 2016

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

Members present: Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Jerelyn Wilson, Hugh Worden

Not present: Joe Cook

Also present: Lee Chamberlin, Wayne Emery, Laurie Frechette, Rick Looman, Jean Newell, Frederic Noyes from BCTV, Tammy Scarfe

On a motion by Steve and second from Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from April 27th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Hugh, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 23, 23P, and Recreation Board #8.

The Board recognized Fire Department members Rick Looman (Fire Chief) and Wayne Emery, who presented a petition requesting a special Town Meeting. The article in question is "Shall the voters authorize the Town of Dummerston to raise, appropriate, and expend an amount not to exceed \$175,000 through taxes or a loan not to exceed five years, for the purpose of constructing a new fire station in Dummerston Center on land owned by the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department?"

The petition will be handed over to the Town Clerk to verify the signers are registered voters in Dummerston. The Board will consult with legal counsel and discuss the topic at their May 25th meeting.

The Fire Dept. has tentatively awarded the construction bid to Severance Builders, depending on funds coming in. During the demolition of the current fire station, they will need to deal with asbestos.

Hugh asked both Wayne and Rick to commit to open communication between the Fire Dept. and the Selectboard. They agreed.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin joined the Board at the table to present his report. The Town has received approval for the Park Laughton Road project grant. The hauling of sand has been completed. Paving will be done on Houghton Brook, Canoe Brook and Johnson's Curve Roads this summer. The Town received \$2000 +/- from VT AOT for the use of Upper Dummerston Road as a detour during the I-91 bridge construction.

Lee talked with the Board about the expansion of the Taft Cemetery on RT 30. The area to the north of the cemetery needs to be cleared. The project will go out to bid in the near future.

Steve suggested that Lee document his plans for work to be done on Canoe Brook Road before paving; Zeke will send them in a letter to Rick Foley and Pam Long.

Correspondence for Information included: 5/5 letter to Judy & Donald Pollica from Animal Control Officer re: dogs running at large; 5/4 letter to Ned & Anita Childs from Joe Cook re: vicious/nuisance dog; 4/25 notice re: Act 250 application for Fairpoint Communications on RT 5; copy of receipt from Community Center for recent painting of basement.

The Board reviewed a notice from the Dept. of Health regarding changes in state statute for the Town Service Officer. Zeke will contact Rita Ramirez to let her know of the changes.

Steve moved to reappoint Zeke to a three-year term as Dummerston's Health Officer. Hugh seconded the motion; it passed 3-0 (Zeke abstained).

Jerelyn moved to appoint Elizabeth Wood to the Farmland Protection Committee (term ends March 2017). Hugh seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Planning Commission recommended hiring Kathleen Hathaway as the new Zoning Administrator. Jerelyn moved to hire Kathleen, with a \$15 per hour salary to be re-evaluated after 90 days. Hugh seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Steve moved to appoint Tammy Scarfe as a Town Auditor, to serve until the 2017 Town Meeting. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed a grant application from the Conservation Commission. On a motion by Steve and second by Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Zeke to sign the letter of support from the Selectboard.

Zeke reported that the recent Green-Up Day was very successful. He thanked co-coordinators Mark Brown & Whitney Harrison for their hard work.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Steve Glabach, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant