

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 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: BCTV, David Baker (at 6:28pm), Lee Chamberlin, Wayne Emery, Laurie Frechette, Jim Johnson & Meg Lyons, Jack Manix, Paul & Jody Normandeau, Dena & Jim Reed

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Hugh, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from May 11th. On a motion by Hugh and second from Steve, the Board voted 3-0 (Jerelyn abstained) to approve the minutes from May 20th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Hugh, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify the payment of Warrant 23A and to approve the payment of Warrants 24, 24P, Cemetery Fund #7, Conservation Commission #10 and Recreation Board #9.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin joined the Board at the table to present his report. The plans for the Park Laughton Road project are available for review.

The bid specs for the Taft Cemetery expansion were reviewed. They will be sent out soon.

The Board briefly reviewed the invitation to bid on upcoming paving projects.

The Board and Lee reviewed options for the replacement of the failed bridge on Tucker Reed Road. A structure 16' long (brook span) and 5'5" high is required by the VT AOT Hydraulic Study.

Option 1: Remove and reconstruct stone abutments at proper 16' length with a wooden deck and approved guardrails. It will be necessary to go down 6' to pour concrete below the brook surface. The anticipated cost is \$180-200k, with a 50-year projected life span.

Option 2: Remove stone abutments; replace with concrete abutments placed away from the brook (no wingwalls needed); concrete deck with stamped concrete on the sides; 16" slab with 1' of gravel on top of deck. Projected cost is \$180k with a 100-year anticipated life span.

A lengthy discussion ensued with residents and property owners of the neighborhood. Concerns were expressed about the aesthetics, preservation of the rural character, excessive speed and safety.

Steve moved to hire Ron Bell to engineer the project. Hugh seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board will hold a special meeting at 7:30am on Tuesday, May 31st at the Town Office to make a decision on the project.

Jack Manix publicly thanked Lee for his hard work and flexibility in looking at all options.

Correspondence for Information included: Wastewater System Permit #WW25108 for Alphonse Doucette on Jelly Mill Hill Road; Wastewater System Permit #WW25109 for Melody Rodgers on School House Road; DRB decision for WDVFD; Act 250 notice for The Nature Conservancy.

The Board designated Joe to write the article for the Summer Views of Dummerston. Hugh agreed to write it if Joe is not able to do so.

The Town Clerk presented the petition from the Fire Dept. to hold a special Town Meeting to raise funds for a new fire station. The petition was signed by 121 registered voters.

The Board decided to hold voting on this request by Australian Ballot. In order to do so, a separate special Town Meeting must be held prior in order to authorize the voters to vote by Australian Ballot on this one question. On a motion from Steve and second by Hugh, the Board voted 4-0 to hold a special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 29th at 7:30pm.

At 7:45pm, Steve moved to recess the meeting and convene as the Liquor Commission. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Commission reviewed a Liquor Catering License request from Donovan's in Rockingham for a wedding reception at Elysian Hills on July 26th and one at the Scott Farm on August 27th. Steve moved to approve the request. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 4-0. Jody Normandeau expressed her concerns about Elysian Hills hosting events without going before the Development Review Board. Jack Manix assured her that he will be contacting the Zoning Administrator to work through the proper channels.

At 7:55pm, they adjourned as the Liquor Commission and immediately reconvened the Selectboard meeting.

Hugh strongly urged members of the Board to attend the May 30th Memorial Day Service sponsored by the Evening Star Grange.

Jody invited the Board to the June 12th dedication and open house at the Historical Society.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Steve Glabach, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant