

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 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: BCTV, Lee Chamberlin, Laurie Frechette, Jean Newell, Steve Tavella, Al Weisbrich

As the first order of business, Zeke added the approval of a Curb Cut Permit to the agenda.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Hugh, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from June 22nd.

On a motion by Joe and second from Steve, the Board voted 3-0 (Hugh & Jerelyn abstained) to approve the minutes from June 29th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Jerelyn, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 1 and 1P.

The Board recognized Steve Tavella, who presented a letter and petition from residents of Wickopee Hill Road requesting that the speed limit be reduced from 35 mph to 25 mph. The Board will take the request up at their next meeting on July 20th.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He is hoping to receive the engineering plans for the Tucker Reed Road bridge by July 20th. The new truck chassis is in and will be delivered to the body shop on Friday. The road crew has been working on under-drainage along Sunset Lake Road.

Lee is planning to do crack-sealing of the pavement on East-West Road, School House Road, and the Town Office parking lot.

The grant applications for culvert work on Upper Dummerston were denied by VTrans.

The Board reviewed a Curb Cut permit request from Jesse Palmer on Rice Farm Road. Steve moved to approve the request. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Correspondence for Information included: a letter from Paul Stone to Green Mountain Power re: trees on East-West Road.

The Board reviewed a letter from Al and Pat Weisbrich (residents of Newfane) regarding the parking and swimming access on RT 30, near the Rock River. Mr. Weisbrich joined the Board at the table to explain their concerns about the large number of cars parked along the road, trash left in and around the river, lack of sanitary facilities, etc. Jerelyn offered to be the point person and will contact VTrans as well as our State Legislators. The Board does not have jurisdiction over the parking on RT 30 since it is a State Highway.

Jerelyn reported that she and Joe are working on the job performance evaluation process.

The Board had a brief discussion about the HS-122 late filers and possible options to encourage residents to file the proper forms.

On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to set the 2016 Municipal Tax Rate at 0.2774 and the Local Agreement at 0.0060. The State has set the Residential Education Tax Rate at \$1.6782 and the Non-Residential Education Tax Rate at 1.4481.

Joe moved to warn the Special Australian Ballot vote on August 9th for raising funds for the new Center Fire Station. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Hugh moved to set a date of August 3rd (with a back-up date of July 20th) for an informational meeting on the Australian Ballot question of funding for a new Center Fire Station. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Hugh moved to have the Town accept donations on behalf of the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department for the construction of the new fire station, with the stipulation that any funds raised by donation will offset the loan of up to \$175,000. Steve seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant