

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

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

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

Also present: BCTV, Lee Chamberlin, Laurie Frechette, Doug Hamilton, Cindy Levine, Charlotte Neer Annis, Jean Newell, Steve Tavella

Joe moved to approve the minutes of August 31; Jerelyn seconded the motion. Jerelyn asked that the words "to discuss a personnel matter" be added to the minutes after "to go enter Executive Session". Joe accepted the amendment and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Hugh reported on the survey of Wickopee Hill Road that he and Lee did last week. They recommended changing the speed limit to 25mph. Hugh moved to make this change; Joe seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Laurie will draft the changes to the traffic ordinance and send it to Hugh. Steve Tavella thanked the Board for their concern and work on this subject.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The project on Park Laughton Road has been completed. He is hoping that the concrete will be poured on Friday for the Tucker Reed Road bridge deck. Springfield Paving completed this year's paving project on Monday. Crack-sealing will be taking place next Monday and Tuesday. Line painting should be done next month. Lee is also hoping that the new dump truck will be ready in October.

The Board invited the Listers (Jean Newell, Charlotte Neer Annis & Doug Hamilton) to join them at the table. They spoke to the Board about the need for a town-wide reappraisal which would begin in 2017 and take three years to complete. They received a proposal from the New England Municipal Resource Center (NEMRC) for approximately \$88,000; there is currently over \$92,000 in the Reappraisal Fund to cover this cost.

Correspondence for information included: copy of 9/9 letter from Animal Control Officer; DRB decision on Tim Scott/Green Dragon Botanicals; DRB decision on Hidden Acres Camping Resort; report from Zoning Administrator on AirBnBs in Dummerston; 10/2 meeting re: VTrans statewide parcel property mapping program; memo from Michelle Cherrier re: WSWMD membership (estimated value).

Jerelyn moved to delegate the Town Clerk to receive and distribute the new paperless Act 250 applications for the Town. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from the Town Treasurer to close out a Housing Awareness grant in the amount of \$46.63. Steve moved and Joe seconded to grant this request; it passed 5-0.

The fundraising drive for the new fire station has raised \$13,400. Construction is expected to begin in the spring.

Joe presented some minor revisions of the Investment Policy to comply with Edward Jones' request. He moved to accept these revisions; Steve seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. Jerelyn agreed to be the co-signor on the account.

The Board reviewed the job description for the Selectboard Assistant. Jerelyn moved to approve it with a few changes. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 4-0 (Steve abstained).

Hugh updated the Board on the recent informational meeting for the WSWMD net-metering project. He has requested more information and feels it may be financially feasible for the Town to participate in the project.

Jerelyn reported to the Board on her recent attendance at the Rescue, Inc. meeting.

The Board reviewed a request from the Delinquent Tax Collector to consult with the Town Attorney regarding a certain property. On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to grant her request.

On a motion by Jerelyn; seconded by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Deborah Ayer to the Conservation Commission.

The Board decided to hold a special meeting at 7:15am on Monday, September 19 to vote on a Catering License request that was received too late to be included in this meeting.

A resume has been received for the Selectboard Assistant position. After some discussion, it was decided to invite the candidate for an interview at 5:15pm on September 28.

Steve is working with VLCT on parking issues in West Dummerston Village.

Zeke publicly thanked Jean Newell for "hanging in there" for the entire meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant