

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON
Wednesday, October 12, 2016
6pm - Regular Meeting
Dummerston Town Office

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2016

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

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

Also present: David Baker, Lee Chamberlin, Amy Wall, Jody Normandeau, Paul Normandeau, Chuck Fish, Kristina Naylor, Ines McGillion, Michelle Cherrier, Rich Melanson from BCTV

With the Board's consent, Zeke added "Warning a public hearing on the Wickopee Hill speed limit change" to the agenda.

REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS – September 19 & 28

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Hugh, the Board voted 3-0 (Joe and Hugh abstained) to approve the minutes from September 19th.

On a motion by Joe and second from Hugh, the Board voted 4-0 (Steve abstained) to approve the minutes from September 28th.

REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

On a motion by Steve and second from Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 8, 8P and Recreation Board RB #2.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Paul Normandeau mentioned he called sheriff to report license plate of someone driving too fast; he was not happy that they referred him to the State police since the Town pays for sheriff for speed control in Dummerston; Steve will follow-up with sheriff to understand the protocol.

Paul Normandeau would like to see notices of Selectboard meetings in the Reformer as well as the Commons especially if there is no charge for the service of posting local meetings.

Amy Wall and Kristina Naylor presented as WSESU Act 46 Study committee - not the Dummerston School board. They indicated that the Study Committee will submit its report to the State Board of Education and that the draft report is on the WSESU website. This report describes how the communities of Dummerston, Guilford, Putney and Brattleboro will form a unified preK-12 school district. There is a lot of information to digest and learn before residents can make an educated decision. The Study Committee plans to hold a November 15th info session in Dummerston. There will be two votes of the electorate. The first vote will be in January to release Vernon from BUHS District #6. If voters in Dummerston, Guilford, Brattleboro and Guilford allow Vernon to exit the high school district, then a vote on forming a unified preK-12 school district will take place on Town Meeting Day. Amy and Kristina encouraged the Selectboard to review related information on

the WSESU website and to ask them any questions. Kristina suggested that the a joint meeting of the Dummerston Selectboard and School Board.

After the study committee presentation a number of residents offered their opinions of ACT 46.

ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

-Update on Tucker Reed Road

The new bridge opened on schedule; guardrails will be installed within two weeks; all paper work will submitted so that we can receive 90% of the cost from the State.

-Letter from David Baker regarding corner on E/W Road

Accidents due to loose gravel; do we want signs that indicate loose gravel ahead? Every time it rains there is inevitably gravel from Partridge Rd. in the road. A sign would be only East bound; SB will take time to look at this more closely;

-Report on Town truck accident

Operator clipped and broke telephone pole; repairs to the truck were minor and have been dealt with. The Selectboard needs to know of such incidents in a timely manner. Hugh agreed to be the first in line to be contacted by Lee and will in turn inform other Selectboard members. Lee will contact Zeke if Hugh is not available.

-Warning of public hearing: Wickoppee Hill Road speed limit change from 35 to 25 mph

The time, date and location – October 26 at 7 pm at the Community Center in West Dummerston – will be posted in Commons and the other typical locations

On a motion by Joe and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to warn this public hearing.

-Meeting for discussion of parking on West St.

Lee will not be in attendance as he will be out-of-town. He indicated that ideally the current ordinance should be followed. Lee will speak with Jean Momaney about the possibility of parking at the Community Center and report back to Zeke or Hugh. Zeke will do some research on insurance and related liability issues with the potential option of allowing parking at the Community Center. Some ideas for enforcing the current ordinance as well as parking protocols in winter from other towns were mentioned.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION

There will be a Prospect Hill Trustees meeting October 26 @ 5 pm at Dummerston Community Center.

Joe reported on his attendance at the BCBSVT meeting about the rate sheet for 2017 health insurance premiums.

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION

-Offer of a Ginko tree for the Town Common

Steve will contact the generous donor to propose they contact the Conservation Commission with the suggestion of planting them near the Rain Garden at the Covered Bridge.

-Request by Green Mt. Mummies to dance on the Town Common October 30 at noon

On a motion by Joe and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to approve this request. Zeke to let them know.

-Letter of resignation from Andrew MacFarland

On a motion by Joe and second from Hugh, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Andrew's resignation with regret. Zeke highlighted Andrew's significant contributions to Town affairs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Update on Center Fire Station fundraising drive

Two generous stocks donations have been received along with additional donations that bring the total donations to about \$27,000.

- Revised investment policy

Joe reported that the revised investment policy has been accepted by Edward Jones

-Update on WSWMD net-metering project

Hugh has not received a response to our request for a proposal for Dummerston's participation and will email them for a status report.

-Selectboard Assistant job search

Will be posted in the Views: Steve included mention of need for assistant and Jerelyn requested a box ad. Everyone is strongly encouraged to seek candidates for this position.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sherriff's bill didn't have as much detail – Steve will query them.

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

Selectboard Minutes **October 12, 2016**

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Jerelyn Wilson, Acting Clerk

Submitted by: Jerelyn Wilson, Selectboard member