

TOWN OF DUMMERSTON
Selectboard Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
Regular Meeting 5:30 Dummerston Town Office

MINUTES

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 5:30 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Members absent: Steve Glabach

Also present: Lee Chamberlin (Road Foreman), Jan Chalou (BCTV), Brian Siano (Lane Construction) and a representative from VT Roadworks

1. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS May 10th

Minutes from the May 10th meeting will be considered for approved on June 7th as there was not a quorum of people who were present at the May 10th meeting

2. REVIEW & APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

On a motion by Hugh and second from Joe the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 24, 24P, Rec Board #9, Conservation Com. #6

3. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

None at this meeting

4. ROAD FOREMAN'S REPORT

A. Paving bids were opened

VT Roadworks \$64.01 per ton

Lane Construction \$78.35 per ton

Springfield Paving \$59.85 per ton

Lee will contact Springfield rep to share bid amounts

Lee will create a spreadsheet with pertinent information on the bids

Selectboard will make a decision on June 7th

B. WRC – hydro-connected roads – letter & map

Jeff Nugent (WRC) responded to Lee's question about hydro-connected roads

There is a meeting on Tuesday, May 30 at noon in Townshend on permitting systems and Act 64; need to RSVP; Hugh may try to go.

C. Update on end of the FY projects

\$8,000 Category A erosion inventory grant

\$40,00 for Wickopee Hill Rd – total cost was budgeted at \$60K

We have two years to use the funds but Lee plans to finish in one year

Completed covered bridge project – might have to do a bit more work after the pole gets moved by the electric company

Bunker Hill – still planning on this project

E-W Road and Miller Rd stump project to increase visibility – telephone wires haven't been moved yet

but plan to complete this project

D. Road crew update

By Tuesday Lee should be back up to his full crew.

E. Gravel update

Gravel Pit at Renaud's – gravel is 12 – 16 feet deep; it is sand under that. Gives us 6 years of gravel; Lee would like to have a SB member with him in discussions; walk through of the pit would be first step, then talk about how we retrieve the gravel; Duane will be there; Zeke will come to any meetings and Hugh would like to be notified and will attend if available. We need to think ahead.

5. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION

- Rescue Inc. new facility W. Townshend 6/10
- WSWMD – universal recycling law delay/Roll Off storage
- Letter to E Court, party status Scott Farm Act 250, Town of Dummerston

6. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR DISCUSSION and/or ACTION

- Act 250 Scott Farm/Dan Normandeau appeal/statement of questions

We are waiting to hear back from Act 250 for scheduling

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Lister's request for a 30-day extension for filing the grand list

On a motion from Joe and seconded by Hugh the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Lister's request for a 30-day extension for filing preliminary grand list and the Board voted 4-0 to approve

B. Town Plan draft/Municipal Planning Grant/print ready formatting

On a motion from Hugh and seconded by Joe the Board voted 4-0 to approve the request from Sam Farwell (with support from the Planning Commission members) to use the Municipal Planning Grant funds to pay for services to properly format the Town Plan draft to a print ready format.

C. Request from the School Nurse for funds from the Miller Fund

On a motion from Joe and seconded by Jerelyn the Board voted 4-0 to approve the request from the school nurse for \$1300 from the Miller Fund. See letter for specific requests.

The SB members agreed to review the guidelines for expending this fund and to look into alternative investment vehicles with a potentially greater return. Joe and Hugh will do some research in preparation for this item being placed on a future agenda.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update on telecommunications tower ordinance

The Planning Commission has a updated Telecommunications Bylaw and convene a Public Hearing before sending a final draft to the Selectboard.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Short term rentals

Roger Jasaitis, Zoning Administrator, will be sending out the letter informing owners of short-term rentals of the Dummerston Bylaw requirements; the DRB reviewed the letter.

The Planning Commission has scheduled a public forum on June 6 @ 7 pm at the Community Center in West Dummerston on the topic of short-term rentals.

B. Recycling bins

Recycling at Town Garage will no longer be available at the end of this June

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – none

There being no other business to come before the Board, Joe made the motion and second from Hugh, the meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

UPCOMING AGENDAS

- Catie Berg re: Compassionate Communities Article.
- Community Center update
- Southeast VT Watershed Alliance-

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Jerelyn Wilson, Selectboard