

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER 20, 2017

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:00 pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also present: Lee Chamberlin-Road Foreman, Wayne Emery, Rick Looman, Rich Cogliano-Fire Dept, Rich Melanson - BCTV

Minutes:

On a motion by Joe and second from Hugh the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from December 7th and December 13th.

Warrants:

On a motion by Hugh and second from Joe the Board voted 4-0 with Jerelyn abstaining to approve the payment of Warrants 13, 13P, Recreation Board #5 and Conservation Commission #7.

Public Comment: No Comments

Road Foreman's Report:

VT Trans winter road policy – board reviewed

Lee reported that there is a resident that would like to get reimbursed for towing expense incurred during the last snow storm. Zeke will submit paperwork to VLCT, they will investigate. Most likely this claim will be denied, as no prior claims have been paid. Zeke will also contact the resident to explain the process.

The Town did receive the \$40,000 grant for Wickapee Hill.

Correspondence for information:

Briefly discussed the WSWMD budget package that will be voted on in January. The proposed assessment for Dummerston is \$16,220.

The Town Personnel Policies & Rules was recently update regarding sick leave. Hugh and Jerelyn will review the handbook and bring back to the Board any recommended updates if needed.

Correspondence for discussion and/or action: No items were on the agenda

New Business:

Covered bridge lighting briefly discussed. On a motion by Joe and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to approve up to \$750.00 to update the covered bridge lighting as recommended by Stan Howe. Zeke will let him know.

On a motion by Maria and second from Hugh the Board voted 5-0 to set February 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm as the date for a public hearing on the proposed Town Plan.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Hugh the Board voted 5-0 to increase the Town Treasurers wage by \$0.25 per hour to \$17.00 effective with pay period starting 12/17/2017.

VT Alert: There is a link on the Town website to sign up for VT Alert. The system will alert residents of incidences regarding weather, traffic, etc. There is no cost to sign up.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Joe the Board voted 5-0 to approve the request from Dummerston Cares to use the Town's bulk mail permit. There will be no expenses incurred by the Town.

Unfinished Business:

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Joe the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the Hazard Mitigation Plan, the version sent to the Board by Laurie on 12/8/2017.

Town employee retirement personnel policy: No update at this time.

Joe will write the Views article due in early January.

Other Business:

The Board continued to work on the Budget.

Hugh suggested that at a future meeting looking at options to get more people to attend Town Meeting – offering childcare, reserving parking in front of school for elderly.

Hugh ordered some emergency preparedness booklets.

Executive Session: Did not enter into executive session

Upcoming Agendas:

Budget Work Session Wednesday, December 27, 2017 5:00 pm.

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, January 3, 2018 6:00 pm.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Joe made the motion and second from Jerelyn, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Hugh Worden, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant