

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 14, 2018

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

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

Members absent:

Also present: Ian Kiehle – BCTV, Ahren Ahrenholz, Ruth & Merrill Barton, Jean Momaney, Molly Stoner, Sam Farwell, Rachel Glickman, Gurudham Khalsa

Minutes:

On a motion by Joe and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from January 31, 2018.

Warrants:

On a motion by Hugh and second from Joe the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 17 & 17P and Conservation Commission #9.

Public Comment: None

Road Foreman's Report:

Opened Grader Bids: All bids were after trade in and options could be added. The Board will discuss with Lee after Town Meeting.

Milton Cat - Caterpillar \$234,900.00

Milton Cat declined to bid a second machine

Nortrax – John Deere model #6726 \$251,900.00

Nortrax – John Deere model #6226 \$230,000.00

Correspondence for information:

Any Board member wishing to attend the Selectboard Institute in Fairlee on 3/24 should let Laurie or Charlotte know to register. Zeke will let the Selectboard Candidate know.

Correspondence for discussion and/or action: none

New Business:

The Board set the Public Hearing for the Zoning Bylaw update for March 28, 2018 at the Town Office. Should be warned 15 days prior.

Unfinished Business:

Regarding the WRC/Rich Earth – Village sanitation pilot study program. Jerelyn spoke with Emily at the Rich Earth Institute. Jerelyn and Sam Farwell will meet with Emily to talk about the pilot project and consider West Dummerston Village for the project. They will then come to our meeting on March 28th to discuss further. The sense of the meeting was that the Selectboard may want to help with getting information about this program out to the public but we do not

want to take the lead on this. We'd like residents who are interested to take the initiative in pursuing this if they want.

The Board reviewed and assigned the Town Meeting Articles.

On a motion by Hugh and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to recess the regular meeting for the Public Hearing on the Town Plan at 6:45 pm.

The Public Hearing on the proposed Town Plan was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 7:00 pm at the Dummerston Community Center in West Dummerston, Vermont.

Zeke opened with explaining the hearing process and then opened it up to the public for comment.

Ruth Barton – commented on the siting of windmills and solar panels. Sam Farwell of the Planning Commission addressed this question.

Molly Stoner – added cell towers in addition to Ruth's comment.

Ahren Ahrenholz – felt that water quantity should be considered as well as quality.

Molly Stoner – felt that on page 83 “bus service provided” for Dummerston students was a bit misleading.

On a motion by Hugh and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to close the Public Hearing and reconvene the regular meeting at 7:15 pm.

Other Business:

On a motion by Joe and second from Jerelyn the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the proposed Town Plan with the following minor changes/corrections:

Page 9 under Local Revenue delete “emergency management reimbursement”

Page 10 4th paragraph delete “trailer park ordinance”

Page 14 3rd paragraph delete “Hidden Acres Campground” insert “the north end of Carpenter Road.”

Page 43 2nd paragraph delete “KOA and Hidden Acres” and delete next sentence “a miniature golf course...”

Discrepancy between page 59 7th paragraph and page 78 3rd paragraph is there bus services along Route 30?

Page 85 College and Adult Education section, last bullet point – delete “which is located in the Southeast Learning Collaborative on Route 5.”

Page 85 Policy 1.4 change to read “Support Dummerston Conservation Commission educational programs.”

Joe will forward to Zeke spelling, grammatical, and typos for correction.

Zeke mentioned the open seats with no candidates running to fill them. A write in campaign would require 16 votes.

Hugh and Zeke offered to meet with Molly Stoners 4th grade class to talk about local government.

Executive Session: Did not enter into executive session

Upcoming Agendas:

Candidates Night – Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:00-6:30 pm Church

Regular Meeting – Wednesday, February 28, 2018 6:30 pm Church

There being no other business to come before the Board, Jerelyn made the motion and second from Maria, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Hugh Worden, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Maria Glabach, Selectboard Assistant