

UNAPPROVED

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

February 28, 2018

The Selectboard meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6:25 p.m. in the basement of the Dummerston Congregational Church.

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

Members absent: Maria Glabach.

Also present: Em Richards from BCTV, Jean Newell and Lee Chamberlin.

Zeke added letters from JP Trucking and Better Roads to the agenda under the Road Foreman's Report.

On a motion by Jerelyn and seconded by Hugh, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of February 14th.

On a motion by Hugh and seconded by Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 18, 18P, Recreation Board #6, and Conservation Commission #10.

Under the Road Foreman's Report, Lee reported that we received a Better Roads grant in the amount of \$10,795 to work on ditching and driveway culverts along Bunker Road. Lee is reviewing the recently opened bids for a new grader, and would like more time to discuss the operation of comparable graders with other equipment operators. In the meantime, Lee suggested that the article in the budget authorizing the purchase of the grader reduce the amount requested from \$295,000 to \$260,000. JP Trucking in Bellows Falls would like to be given the opportunity to bid on future roadwork in the Town. Lee said that there is relatively little mud along town roads, and that they are passable by automobiles. The Selectboard commended Lee on improvements to town roads that have minimized the impact of "mud season."

Under correspondence for information, Jean Newell made note of the letter that Matthew Karparis sent to the Town suggesting recognition for his grandmother, Beverly Knapp, who served the Town in many capacities, including as Lister. Beverly passed away in October. Jean Newell said that Beverly was a modest person who would be embarrassed by any such recognition.

The Selectboard agreed with Lee's suggestion to reduce the amount requested for the purchase of a grader from \$295,000 to \$260,000 in Article 5 at Town Meeting next week. Following a motion by Joe that was seconded by Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the MVP health reimbursement account plan agreements.

Hugh moved that the Board recess its meeting, and reconvene as the Liquor Commission. Jerelyn seconded his motion, which passed 4-0. Following a motion by Joe that was seconded by Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the renewal of the liquor license for the sale of beer and wine by Kampfires. Hugh moved that the Liquor Commission recess its meeting, and reconvene as the Selectboard. Joe seconded Hugh's motion, which passed 4-0.

Following a motion by Joe that was seconded by Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve a resolution designating Charlotte Neer (Annis) and Ezekiel Goodband as signatories for the account that is being established at Vanguard for the investment of a portion of the Miller Fund.

Jerelyn reported that Sam Farwell and she plan to meet with representatives of the Rich Earth Institute to discuss their pilot study on March 1st.

The updated Town Plan that reflected the Selectboard's minor suggestions had been circulated before the meeting. Following a motion by Hugh that was seconded by Joe, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the Town Plan. Jerelyn commended the Planning Commission for all of the work that they had done on the Town Plan.

At his last regular meeting, Joe Cook was recognized for his work over the last five years.

At 7:10 p.m. Hugh moved that the Board go into executive session to address a disciplinary matter, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(4). Jerelyn seconded Hugh's motion, which passed 4-0.

At 8:05 p.m. Hugh moved that the Board come out of executive session and reconvene the meeting of the Selectboard. Jerelyn seconded Hugh's motion, which passed 4-0. The Selectboard took no further action.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Hugh Worden, Vice Chair

Joe Cook, Recording Clerk

Submitted by: Joe Cook, Clerk