

## UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

APRIL 12, 2006

This meeting was called to order at 7:30pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair, Cindy Jerome; Vice-Chair, Paul Normandeau, and Lewis White

Member Absent: Tom Bodett and Clerk, Kevin Ryan

Also Present: Lt. Sherwood Lake from the Windham County Sheriff's Department; Fire Chief, Allen Pike; Jason Henske and Bob Audette from the *Brattleboro Reformer*; Larry Lynch and Lester Dunklee from Emergency Management; Mark Gilmore from Entergy VT Yankee; Ron Wright from Windham Solid Waste Management District; Prospect Hill Pasture Trustees Sam Bunker, Mary Lou Schmidt and Elizabeth Catlin; Mary Ellen Copeland and Ed Anthes from the Conservation Commission; Town Clerk, Pam McFadden; Road Foreman, Wayne Emery and Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Lewis and second by Paul, the Board approved the minutes of March 29, 2006 and Warrants 21 and 21P.

The Board recognized Prospect Hill Pasture Trustees Mary Lou Schmidt, Sam Bunker and Elizabeth Catlin; along with Mary Ellen Copeland and Ed Anthes from the Conservation Commission. Mary Lou presented a bill for \$400 from Robert Spring for clearing the view to the west of the hill. Mary Lou moved to authorize Pam to pay this bill. On a second from Paul, the Board of Trustees approved this request.

Mary Ellen advised the Board of Trustees of the Conservation Commission's concerns regarding invasive plants in the Prospect Hill Pasture. Cindy moved and Mary Lou seconded to authorize payment not to exceed \$300 to take inventory of these plants. The motion passed. The Trustees are to come back to a future board meeting with a written proposal for treatment.

Paul moved and Elizabeth seconded to authorize Mary Lou to be the contact person for groups and individuals wishing to use the Prospect Hill Pasture. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch and Entergy's off-site coordinator, Mark Gilmore. A great deal of discussion took place regarding possible siren locations, the Code Red telephone program, and weather alert radios. The Code Red program is scheduled to be tested at noon on April 18<sup>th</sup>; they hope to have the results available on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the day after the test. Both Paul and Cindy expressed the Board's frustration with the delay and Entergy's perceived "lack of interest" in providing the Town of Dummerston with emergency sirens as has been requested many times. Cindy requested a timeline from Mark to be provided before the next meeting on April 26<sup>th</sup>. He advised that he will not be able to provide one for the sirens provision.

Larry presented the Board with the revised VT Rapid Response Plan to be signed. The Board tabled discussion on this plan to April 26<sup>th</sup>; Allen advised that it is due in May.

Larry presented the Board with a news release from Howell-Martin regarding the 1-2-Know What to Do program. He also thanked the Board for re-appointing him as Emergency Management Director for another year. He would like to sit down with the Board and other EOC members to rewrite the RERP.

The Board recognized Town Clerk, Pam McFadden. Pam reported on a recent meeting that she had with Paul Normandeau and Jeanne Kelly from TD Banknorth regarding the Town's accounts. Pam was seeking advice from the Board on changing the collateral program for the two SWEEP accounts. Paul moved and Lewis seconded to sanction Pam to make these changes. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Ron Wright, who reported that the Windham Solid Waste Management District's current budget is in-line. He does not anticipate that a subsidy will be available for next year; and advised that Dummerston's budget will most like be approximately \$19,700.

The Board recognized Lt. Sherwood Lake from the Windham County Sheriff's Department, who presented a revised contract for the next three months. They are proposing to provide traffic enforcement and animal control for 37 hours per month. Paul questioned how the Sheriff's Department would handle a call that came in about a burglar; they would direct them to call the State Police. Cindy advised Lt. Lake that the Board was reluctant to sign the revised contract. A decision on the contract was tabled until the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported that Jim Evans is working with Pam on the new mail slot next to the front door of the Town Office building. Paul moved and Lewis seconded to authorize Jim to install new siding on the Town Office. The motion passed.

Wayne advised that he has put the Stormwater Mitigation Grant project on hold. He will attend the meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup> to learn more information about the grant requirements.

Matt Mann from Windham Regional Commission has asked if the Town would like signs on Route 30 to designate the "Park and Ride". The Board advised Wayne to decline the offer at this time.

A quote has been received from Frank Gallup for \$1520 to install new meter sockets, overhead service, and divide the electric meters in the Town Office. Paul moved and Lewis seconded to authorize Wayne to accept this quote; the motion passed.

An invitation was received from the VT Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs to attend the Community Achievement Awards Ceremony at the State House on April 18<sup>th</sup> in reference to the renovations to the Community Center. As no Board members are able to attend the ceremony, Laurie will send a letter of regret to the department.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence: exhibit of Carpenter Gravel Pit from Stevens & Associates, PC; news release from Entergy re: tests of new telephone-based emergency notification system; Indirect Sewage Discharge Permit renewal for Maple Valley Ski Area; Act 250 Land Use Permit Application for Amy & Edwin Dews/Black Birch Properties, LLC; VLCT 2007 Legislative Policy Development Committee nomination form; letter from VT Wastewater Management Division to Kenneth & Dorothy Laughton; thank-you letter from Green Mountain RSVP for appropriation of \$400; thank-you letter from the Drop-In Center for appropriation of \$100; April 2006 VLCT newsletter; George D. Aiken RC&D Council newsletter; semi-annual report from Putnam Investments.

Paul and Wayne presented the committee report on the Town Office generator and heating system. They advised that the Town may want to disconnect the Fire Station from this generator due to a possible overload. Cindy moved to accept the committee's recommendations; Lewis seconded and the motion passed. Paul advised that the Town Office will be closed on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> so that the electrical work may be done.

Correspondence was received from Jody Normandeau requesting that the Board have their agenda prepared earlier and posted on dummerston.com. Laurie will work with Kevin to see if this is a feasible option.

Paul updated the Board on the Carpenter Gravel Pit; the portion of the Houghton property that the Town needs an easement on needs to be identified.

Cindy moved and Paul seconded to use the Department of Corrections workers paint the Town Office and for Paul to be the contact person. The motion passed. Paul will draw up the list of specifications for Alex Bartlett.

Cindy reported that Phyllis Alberici's training is basically an offer to discuss RERPs with new Selectboards.

On a motion from Cindy and a second from Lewis, the Board appointed officers as per the attached list. The motion passed. Laurie will draft a letter to the members of the Farmland Committee requesting a draft of their policies and/or guidelines by September 1, 2006.

Lewis suggested that all future candidates for appointed town offices be interviewed by the Board when there are more than enough candidates for an office.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to authorize Cindy to sign a Curb Cut Permit for Michel LaFantano and Eve Goldenberg on Stickney Brook Road.

On a motion by Paul and a second from Lewis, the Board approved a request from Oona's Restaurant for a Catering Liquor License on April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Scott Farm.

A request was received from Nancy Polseno for two requests of \$105 and \$765. On a motion from Paul and a second from Lewis, the Board authorized Pam to pay the \$105. Lewis will contact the School of Budo to find out if any "scholarship aid" is possible. Further discussion was tabled until the April 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Laurie was instructed to advertise the bids for cemetery mowing immediately in the *Brattleboro Reformer*. All bids are to be received no later than 5:00pm on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Paul and second by Lewis, the Board entered Executive Session at 10:20pm to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board ended Executive Session at 11:20pm and reconvened the regular meeting at 11:21pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:22pm.

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant