

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

APRIL 26, 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; Clerk Kevin Ryan, Tom Bodett and Lewis White

Also Present: Lister Doug Hamilton, Eesha Williams, Michelle Cherrier, Road Foreman Wayne Emery and Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board approved the minutes of April 12, 2006 and Warrants 22 and 22P.

The Board recognized Eesha Williams, who presented a petition with forty-two signatures requesting support for the creation of a public swimming hole on the Connecticut River near Old Ferry Road. The Board recommended that he contact members of the Recreation Board for assistance in this endeavor.

The Board recognized the Chairman of the Board of Listers, Doug Hamilton, who presented an update on the status of the reappraisal. He reported that the reappraisal is going very well; the Listers plan on sending out notices to all property owners in mid-May. They plan to file the abstract of the new Grand List with the Town Clerk on June 2nd. The final day for grievances to be filed is June 16th. The reappraisal must be approved by the State; they do not foresee any problem in obtaining this approval. He presented a Book Order Form to be approved by the Board for payment. On a motion by Paul and second by Tom, the Board authorized Cindy to sign the order form. Doug also advised the Board that another town-wide reappraisal may need to be done within the next two to three years.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported that all asphalt intersections, aprons and bridges have been swept. The MSHA training took place on April 24th at the Grange Hall.

Wayne has met with two representatives from the VT Dept. of Transportation, who advised him that the State does not want the inlet of the existing culvert changed in any way at the Park & Ride on Route 30. If any changes must be made, they recommend removing the culvert completely. Wayne expressed his concern that the handicapped accessibility to the river may be compromised if the existing culvert is removed.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from Chuck Fish, a resident of Dummerston Center regarding the recently installed bright light across from the Town Office building on Middle Road. Mr. Fish expressed his dissatisfaction with the brightness of the light; feeling that it detracts from the character of the Village. Wayne will contact Green Mountain Power to ask them to try a different type of light bulb.

Wayne reported that the annual inspections have been completed on the Town Office, Town Garage and Covered Bridge by Code 3 Products. The invoices are very high and he suggested that the Town check to see what other options are available for next year. Paul will contact Code 3 to see if they will lower this year's bills.

Mowing bids were received from Howes Lawn Care and Wayne Holden. Paul moved and Lewis seconded that the contract be awarded to Wayne Holden with the stipulation that proof of insurance be submitted. The motion passed.

Truck bids were received from Rountree Ford Mercury, Brattleboro Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge, Gateway Motors, and JB International Trucks. Cindy moved and Tom seconded to ask Wayne to put together a spreadsheet showing the various bids. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Conservation Commission member, John Warren regarding the access to the Carpenter Gravel Pit. Tom has spoken with Mr. Warren regarding his concerns and will write a letter to follow-up on their conversation.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Charles Morgan regarding accessibility issues to his vacation home at the upper end of Beaver Pond Road via Hopkins Road. Wayne indicated that Beaver Pond Road is a Class 4 road at the upper end; Hopkins Road is a private road. Wayne and Tom will speak with Bill Banta to discuss the gate issues on Hopkins Road.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence: April 10th draft of Dummerston Town Boards Joint Meeting minutes; Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit for Kenneth & Dorothy Laughton on East West Road; 2006 Certificate of Highway Mileage; letter from April Hensel to Amy Dews regarding Act 250 application; 2007 Enhancements Program Schedule and Process; Dummerston DRB Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy; Law Incident Summary Report for March 2006 from Windham County Sheriff's Department; April 22nd News Release from Entergy regarding Vermont Yankee Power Increase Update; April 2006 Northeast Municipal Forum.

The Board authorized Cindy to sign the contract with the Vermont Department of Corrections for the painting of the Town Office.

Lewis reported that he spoke with Nancy Polseno regarding the pending request for the Miller Fund. The Brattleboro School of Budo reduced their membership rate to \$845 for three children to attend the school for four and one-half months. Paul moved and Kevin seconded to authorize Pam McFadden to pay this bill. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to accept the renegotiated contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Department. The motion passed on a 3 to 2 vote.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to sign the revised Vermont Rapid Response Plan. The motion passed.

Kevin moved and Lewis seconded to sign the Town Service Officer Appointment of Tom Johnson for 2006. The motion passed.

Tom updated the Board on the Broadband Project. A meeting will be held at the Town Office on May 17th for interested parties.

Paul reported that the Act 250 application for the Carpenter Gravel Pit should be ready to submit by the end of next week.

Cindy moved and Paul seconded to reluctantly accept the resignation of Town Treasurer, Pam McFadden, to be effective June 30, 2006. The motion passed.

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the "excess funds" balance in the Miller Fund. Cindy will contact Judge Robert Pu to advise him of the Board's actions in dispersing the funds.

Cindy presented the Board with a draft of a letter to Virginia Carter requesting the removal of planters and large stones on the paved portion of West Street in front of her property. The Board edited the letter and authorized Cindy to send it out.

On a motion by Cindy and second by Paul, the Board entered Executive Session at 10:47pm to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board ended Executive Session at 10:49pm and immediately reconvened the regular meeting. It was decided to advertise the upcoming Town Treasurer position in the May issue of the *Views of Dummerston* as well as on dummerston.com. Cindy and Kevin will put together a job description.

The Board agreed to send a letter to the West Dummerston Fire Department Trustees in advance of their next meeting.

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

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant