

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

MAY 24, 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: Town Clerk/Treasurer, Pam McFadden; Bob Audette from the *Brattleboro Reformer*; John Binhammer from the Vermont Nature Conservancy; Alex Wilson; Dave Thurber from Springfield Paving; Ron Puchalski from All States Paving; Road Foreman, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Kevin and second by Tom, the Board approved the minutes of May 10, 2006 and Warrants 24 and 24P.

Paving retreatment bids were opened from All States Paving; Lane Construction; Springfield Paving Company and Warner Bros. Inc.

The Board recognized John Binhammer from the Vermont Nature Conservancy and Alex Wilson regarding the pending purchase of the West River Granite Company by the Nature Conservancy. They are hoping to build one affordable housing unit on a small parcel of land along Quarry Road; they understand that they will need to apply for a zoning variance. Discussion took place regarding the potential removal of stones by the Town for road work. On behalf of the Board, Cindy expressed general support of this project. She will write the requested letter of support for the project.

The Board recognized Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector, Pam McFadden, who presented several options regarding the upcoming tax sale of the mobile home owned by Arthur Fiske on Camp Arden Road. The total delinquent taxes owed at this time are \$4052.67. Kevin moved to authorize Pam to move ahead with the tax sale. Paul seconded and the motion passed.

The Board and Pam discussed changing the due dates on tax payments to even out the Town Office's work load. Per Vermont state statutes, any changes to the due dates must be made at Town Meeting. At the 2007 Town Meeting, the Board will propose to change tax due dates to August 15th and February 15th.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported that the road crew has been working on road drainage throughout town. There were no problems with washouts during the recent heavy rainstorms.

On a motion by Paul and second by Lewis, the Board accepted the paving retreatment bid from Springfield Paving. It was agreed we would keep an eye on Vernon's satisfaction with rubberized chip seal for possible use in Dummerston.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from the Vermont State Police regarding their new alarm policy, and declined to sign the contract.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence: Spring 2006 River Valley newsletter; May 10th Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit #WW-2-2240 for Barry & Elsa Waxman; copy of letter from Stevens & Assoc. to DRB re: Carpenter Gravel Pit; May 12th Wastewater System & Potable Water Supply Permit #WW-2-2256 for Edwin & Amy Dews; copy of letter from VT Agency of Natural Resources to Fisher & Fisher re: Jurisdictional for Bruce Berg & Charles & Catherine Gruver; May

2006 *Opinions*; copy of letter from VT Agency of Natural Resources to Richard & Virginia Carter re: #WW-2-2268 to drill new well at 9 Lyons Rd.; copy of letter from April Hensel to Cory Frehsee re: Land Use Permit Application 2W1212 – further information required for Act 250 application for Carpenter Gravel Pit; letter from VT Dept. of Housing & Community Affairs re: Final Program Report for Dummerston Community Center.

The Board approved the annual request for \$955 from Youth Services to be paid out of the Miller Fund. Cindy will contact Youth Services to ask for more data to justify paying this request from the Miller Fund. Otherwise in future years the request may be added to the General Fund to be paid by taxes raised.

Several requests were received from Mary Ann Runge and Lynda Meeder at Dummerston School to fund summer activities for many Dummerston children. The total amount of these requests was \$6935. Tom moved and Paul seconded to pay the requests with the exception of Green Mountain Camp at this time. Cindy moved to amend the motion to pay Green Mountain Camp as well. The motion to amend died for lack of a second. The original motion passed.

The Board discussed the distribution of the \$1800 reimbursement from VT Emergency Management for increased electricity costs at the Town Garage. Kevin will discuss the distribution with Larry Lynch.

The Board discussed the location of flower barrels along West Street in front of Richard & Virginia Carter's home. Wayne will research the Town's right-of-way along West Street and discuss the situation with Mrs. Carter.

An application was received from Terry Tyler for an Itinerant Vendor License to sell hot dogs at Jeff's Basement parking lot on RT 30 for July 1-4, 2006. As this is not Town property, no license is needed. Laurie will return the application fee to Mr. Tyler.

On a motion by Paul, seconded by Kevin, the Board approved and signed the Dog Warrant.

The Board reviewed an application for a revised Liquor License and Tobacco License for Exit 4 Sunoco due to new ownership. Laurie was directed to request written clarification from Atty. Laurie Rowell regarding several questions raised by the applications.

Tom reported that he would like to form a Gravel Exploratory Committee to explore future options. He will ask for three or four volunteers at the upcoming Joint Boards Meeting.

The Board discussed the vacancy for an alternate on the Development Review Board. Cindy will invite the three residents who have expressed interest in the position: Gurudharm Khalsa, Harold Newell and Rick Sullivan to the next Board meeting.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to sign the Junkyard Certificate of Approval for West River Granite Company on Quarry Road for three years. The motion passed.

Kevin reported that Lt. Dane Hathaway from VT Fish & Wildlife contacted him to express his great concern over the recent article in the *Brattleboro Reformer* regarding the possibility of a public swimming hole in the Connecticut River. The Board went on record to express their view that the article and headline were misleading.

Paul reported that Shorty Forrett is working to find three residents to serve on the Cemetery Commission.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant