

## UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

AUGUST 30, 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: Larry Lynch, Dwight & Gladys Miller, Eesha Williams, Michelle Cherrier, Pam McFadden, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Kevin moved and Tom seconded to approve Warrants 5 and 5P and the minutes from August 16<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch. Discussion took place regarding the \$9000 appropriation from the Vermont Radiological Emergency Response Plan Grant for an emergency exit from the second floor of the Town Office building. Paul will work with Larry and Claude Gouin to explore possible options.

RERP also appropriated \$400 for an air conditioner for the second floor; Tom will look into the available options and work with Larry on having one installed.

Larry reminded the Board of upcoming RERP budget meetings to be held at the Brattleboro Retreat on September 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. He plans to include in Dummerston's budget request: two additional sirens; high-band radios, and Internet access for the Emergency Management center.

Cindy reported that Mary Wilson from Entergy Vermont Yankee advised that the two approved sirens for the Town may be located wherever the Town deems fit.

The Board recognized Dwight Miller, who questioned the Board on why the Town polling place was changed from the basement of the Dummerston Church to the Dummerston School. He explained that the room in the basement of the Church is actually the Town Hall, with the church built around it. He has been in contact with Kathy DeWolfe from the Secretary of State's office and will report back to the Board on her decision.

The Board recognized Eesha Williams, who expressed his interest in attending any meetings of the Farmland Committee to decide upon their policies. While he has been in contact with at least one member of the committee, he has not been informed of any upcoming meetings. He referred to the Open Meeting Law and requested that the Board remind the committee of this law.

Mr. Williams also advised the Board that he has had no response from the Recreation Committee to either his letter or phone calls regarding his interest in promoting a public swimming hole along the Connecticut River. Cindy will contact the Recreation Committee and ask one of the members to respond to him.

The Board recognized Town Clerk, Pam McFadden and Town Treasurer, Michelle Cherrier. Pam discussed the tax sale of the Shevchenko property on Hague Road scheduled for tomorrow, August 31<sup>st</sup>. On a motion from Paul and second by Tom, the Board authorized Pam to issue a check to the winning bidder for any excess funds from their bid. Pam also reported that the tax sale of a trailer on Camp

Arden Road, also scheduled for tomorrow, has been postponed. The incorrect information describing the trailer was published in the newspaper and will need to be re-warned.

Michelle updated the Board on various issues that have arisen since her appointment as Treasurer. She presented the Board with options for Wayne's insurance plan when he turns 65 in October. The Board discussed the options and approved paying for the "carve-out" plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

Road Foreman, Wayne Emery reported on last night's DRB hearing on the Butler's variance request to erect a fence along their property on the East West Road.

Wayne advised the Board that the drainage project on Kipling Road by the Scott Farm has been completed.

The Act 250 permit for the Dummerston-Putney Gravel Pit was received on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and work began on Clark Road at 6:30am on Monday, the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy questioned Wayne on the proposed time-frame for the State's line painting of the Town roads. Wayne has spoken with the State and ensured that Dummerston is on the list.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter received from the Windham Regional Commission regarding the upcoming Pandemic & Continuity of Operations Planning Project. Cindy volunteered to represent the Town on this project.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Act 250 application for SB Land Partnership to mine gravel at the former Moore Gravel Pit. They also discussed a follow-up letter from April Hensel, listing several questions/concerns regarding the application. The Town has party status and will continue to receive updates.

The Board reviewed and discussed the nomination form for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Successful Aging Award from the Council on Aging.

The Board reviewed the following correspondence: email correspondence to and from Robert vanIngen regarding Black Mountain Road access; email from Conservation Committee regarding Crosby Brook meeting in Springfield; postcards regarding access to Rock River.

Cindy read to the Board the existing Town Equipment Policy. The current policy reads as follows: *"Town equipment and facilities may be used by Town employees on an exception basis for personal use only after prior approval by the Road Foreman. Equipment and facilities cannot be used for hire or for the benefit of any persons other than full-time town employees who are trained and insured under town insurance policies. It is the Road Foreman's responsibility to document the date, hours, purpose and operator. This is not to preclude the use of equipment in emergency situations where loss of property and/or in life threatening situations where time may be of critical importance. The use of facilities and equipment by the Road Foreman as detailed above should have prior approval of the Selectboard Chairman or a member of the Board prior to use."* Paul requested to go on record stating his belief that the policy should be phased out. After some discussion, it was decided that the policy will remain as is for now.

The Board discussed the Emergency Watershed Program (EWP) for two sites in Slab Hollow. Lewis will be the Board's new contact person for this project.

On a motion from Paul and second by Tom, the Board approved and signed a Listers Certificate, dated August 30, 2006.

Laurie will ask Pam if she wishes to continue being the Town's representative to the Police Advisory Board.

The Board's next Goals Workshop will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02pm.

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Approved

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant