

## UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 17, 2007

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 Pam McFadden, Auditor Jean Newell, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Tom moved and Paul seconded to approve the minutes from January 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as Warrants 15 and 15P.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery presented the Board with a packet of information pertaining to the Carpenter Gravel Pit which is to be kept onsite at the pit. Laurie will make sure that a copy of all the information is on file at the Town Office. Cindy questioned Wayne on the work to be done at the gravel pit, as requested by Stevens & Associates. He assured her that all requests are being complied with.

Wayne spoke to the Board about the recent severe ice storm. The most severely affected parts of town were Kelly Road, Fisch Road, Sunset Lake Road and Stickney Brook Road.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Virginia Carter regarding the flag pole at the Town Office. Currently the pole must be lowered to half its height when the flag should be lowered to half staff. Kevin and Wayne will work together to correct the situation.

The Board reviewed and discussed an invitation to join the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request from Vermont Trails and Greenways Council for a \$30.00 appropriation for FY2008. No action was taken.

The Board reviewed and discussed the Town's assessment for FY2008 from Windham Solid Waste Management District.

The Board reviewed a map of legal trails in the Town of Dummerston, received from the Vermont Agency of Transportation. Laurie will ask Wayne to review the map and report back to the Board.

A letter from Windham Regional Commission was discussed regarding the possibility of working with other towns to purchase supplies in bulk. Laurie was asked to give the letter to Wayne so he can investigate the Town's options.

On a motion from Kevin and second by Tom, the Board confirmed Patti Smith's appointment to the Planning Commission. Her term will expire in March 2009.

Cindy spoke to the Board about a letter received from Mary Ellen Copeland advising the Board of Dan Snow's interest in joining the Conservation Commission. The Board will revisit this matter when appointments are made after Town Meeting.

Cindy advised the Board that Jack Lilly and John Warren have expressed interest in joining the Development Review Board.

Tom spoke to the Board regarding Post Office Loop (TH-65). The Board understands that it should not appear on the state highway map. Action will be taken on next year's Certificate of Highway Mileage.

No action was taken on the topic of Town Treasurer.

A decision on signing the 2005 Listers' Certificate was tabled until the next meeting.

A decision on signing Amendment #1 to the Park & Ride Grant #MPR013 was tabled until the next meeting. More information is needed on whether or not the grant has been completed.

The Board declined to sign a Petition & Order for Pole & Wire Locations on Hague Road from Verizon. The attached map showed the poles to be located along Camp Arden Road.

Cindy reported to the Board on her recent meeting with John Angil and his co-workers regarding the revised RERP. She expressed the Board's complete dissatisfaction with the revised plan. She received an updated copy today and will report back to the Board at the next meeting after reviewing the changes.

Tax Collector Pam McFadden presented the Board with two options for applying tax prebates and/or rebates for 2007. The State Legislature passed a bill requiring all tax prebates/rebates to be sent directly to the Towns on July 1, 2007. These prebates/rebates will be applied to property owners' taxes and the adjusted bills will be sent out by the town. One option is to apply the entire amount to the first payment; the second is to pro-rate the payments, applying one-half to each tax payment. The Board prefers the second option and will present this to the Town in an article at Town Meeting.

A joint meeting with the various other town Boards and Commissions to discuss the Conservation Commission's concerns is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2007.

Cindy reminded the Board of a request from our State Legislators for the Board's top three transportation issues. Several ideas were discussed. The main concerns were the green iron bridge, the decking on the covered bridge, Beaver Pond Road, gravel and bridges.

The Board discussed Wayne's upcoming retirement and agreed that the Road Foreman's position needs to be advertised soon.

The Board discussed a VLCT Personnel Workshop to be held in Wilmington on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paul spoke to the Board about the published listing of delinquent taxpayers in the Town Report. The Board agreed that this list should continue to include the taxpayers' names.

The Board will invite the trustees of the Lydia Taft Pratt Library to a meeting in the near future .

The Board discussed a potential discrepancy between the Town's telecommunications ordinance and the Town's zoning regulations. Paul recommended that Town Attorney Bob Fisher look at both documents before any changes are approved.

The Board will hold a Goals Work Session on Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

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Approved

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant