

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 9, 2007

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

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair Cindy Jerome, Clerk Andrew MacFarland, Paul Normandeau and Lewis White

Also Present: Windham County Sheriff Keith Clark, Captain Heidi Nelson, Virginia Carter, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board approved the minutes from April 25th.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to pay Warrants 23 and 23P. The motion passed

The Board recognized Windham County Sheriff Keith Clark, who introduced his second-in-command, Captain Heidi Nelson. Sheriff Clark took office in February of 2007. He spoke to the Board about some changes that are taking place in the department, as well as the upcoming contract renewal. The new contracted rate for the upcoming fiscal year will be \$40 per hour. Sheriff Clark encouraged the Board to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Wayne advised the Board that paving at the Carpenter Gravel Pit is scheduled to begin on May 15th.

The paving of the parking lot at the Park & Ride on Route 30 is not eligible for funds through the VT Agency of Transportation's Enhancements program. Bids for this paving are due by 5PM on May 23rd.

Wayne reported that he has received complaints from residents on Beaver Pond Road and Dummerston Station Road about the excessive dust on the dirt roads. He is looking into applying chloride to all dirt roads in the near future.

Paul expressed his concern that the highway budget is over-budget, with six weeks left in this fiscal year.

The Board reviewed and accepted Ron Wright's resignation as one of Dummerston's representatives from the Windham Solid Waste Management District. Michelle Cherrier has expressed an interest in representing the Town in this capacity; Tom will contact her to discuss the position.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board granted a request from the Windham Regional Commission to use the Town's bulk mail permit to send out booklets for the project they are working on with the Planning Commission.

The Board reviewed a waiver of liability received from Frank and Pam Butler regarding the fence they are planning on building along East-West Road. Laurie will let Alan McBean know that the waiver has been received.

The Board reviewed the Project Review Sheet #WW-2-2348-1 for the Scott Farm's application to renovate an existing barn to provide an 85 person entertainment facility.

The Board reviewed a letter from Jean & Harold Newell regarding their recent donation of a computer to be used for the upcoming digital map project. Tom will send the Newells a letter of thanks from the Board.

Tom updated the Board on his recent conversations with Steve Dompier regarding the generator at the Town Office. Lewis will work with Steve and Frank Gallup to sort out the issues so that the generator may be utilized.

Tom spoke to the Board about the financing of the new rescue truck. It is not possible to delay the purchase until after July 1st and guarantee the current price. On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board authorized the financing of the truck at the existing price.

There was no update on the covered bridge plaque.

There was a great deal of discussion about the Animal Nuisance Control Ordinance. Cindy moved and Andrew seconded to replace the wording "dogs walked on leash by owners" with "animals". The motion failed.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to table any further discussion; the motion failed.

Andrew moved to add "or wild animals" at the end of Section 2D. The motion died for the lack of a second.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board moved to table further discussion.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board appointed Pam McFadden as Acting Zoning Administrator.

The Board reviewed and discussed the current FY 2006/2007 Revenue and Expenditures reports. Some areas of concern are the collection of property taxes and the highway department's budget.

The Board reviewed and authorized Tom to sign the Rapid Response Plan from VT Emergency Management.

The Board scheduled their next Goals Work Session for 7PM on July 11th.

Paul spoke to the Board about the possibility of putting the Grand List and Voter Checklist on the Town's website.

The Board adjourned their regular meeting at 9:50PM and immediately convened as the Liquor Commission. Applications were received for two weddings to be held at the Scott Farm in June. Cindy moved and Andrew seconded to approve both applications. On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the application for the June 2nd reception was amended to end at 11PM. The motion was passed as amended.

The Liquor Commission adjourned at 9:54PM; the Selectboard meeting immediately reconvened.

On a motion from Tom and second by Andrew, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 10:13PM with no decisions being made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14PM.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant