

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES PUBLIC HEARING

June 20, 2007

Cindy Jerome called the public hearing on proposed revisions of the Dummerston zoning by-laws to order at 7:30 pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Virginia Carter, Lew Sorenson, Reg Rockefeller, Cindy Wilcox, Steve Mindell, Suzanne Weinberg, Paul Heintz, Lee Chamberlin, Matt Mann

After some discussion of the proposed changes, Andrew moved to accept the changes as proposed by the Planning Commission. Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The hearing was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

At 7:40 pm Cindy Jerome called the Selectboard meeting to order.

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On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board approved the minutes from the June 6th meeting and to pay Warrants 26 and 26P. Paul pointed out that although the language accurately reflected the June 6 discussion of fees, VT Statutes lay out guidelines for towns to use in determining fees. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Matt Mann who reviewed infrastructure inventories for Dummerston and presented Lee with some maps. He also shared the new timeline for the iron truss bridge, which is slated to go out to bid in the spring of 2008, with work to be completed in the summer of 2008. He informed the Board that any maintenance on the deck of the covered bridge would have to be funded by existing highway funds or bridge funds. The town will need to request a VTRANS engineer to examine and propose a solution. Lee and Matt agreed to work together to contact VTRANS and make arrangements. Matt also reviewed the possible grant for money to make Rock River site improvements and the short time frame for a proposal. He presented the Board with an access management manual and reminded the board that WRC will provide traffic counts for reclassification and ordinance use. There followed a discussion of highway standard ordinances. Matt and Lee discussed the likelihood of Dummerston joining with other towns to jointly purchase culverts, diesel fuel, grader blades and other highway items. The Board supported the efforts to achieve savings through joint purchasing. Matt discussed the idea of using bike lanes and fog lines as a way to slow traffic. These have been successful in other towns. Finally, Matt discussed possible grant money for culvert replacement that will improve fish movement in streams. He showed a map, illustrating that a large portion of Dummerston qualifies.

Paul moved that Dummerston pay the Congregational Church \$200 for water if town records show the money is owed. Lewis seconded. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Wayne Holden who requested that the Board change the policy restricting employees from keeping personal property at the town garage except in the individual's locker. He explained that he would like to be able to keep his trailer with his mowing equipment in the building during his work hours. The Board did not change the policy.

The Board recognized Lee Chamberlin, who inquired about plans to run an ad to fill the highway employee opening. Cindy agreed to contact Pam to find an ad and make arrangements to run it as soon as possible. Lee requested permission to use a part-time person to fill the vacancy in the interim. The Board agreed.

Lee gave a report on highway crew activities. He discussed the recent MSHA inspection, which identified two violations that will result in fines. The amount of the fines is unclear. The highway crew is making the necessary corrections this week. He also asked for a copy of the draft personnel policies to review with the highway crew before they are finalized. He will return with comments. The Board agreed.

Lee discussed the state award of money to do mapping and identification of problem areas for Crosby Brook. All agreed that mapping and identification are completed and if the money can't be used differently the town will turn down the money. Lee agreed to follow up.

After a brief discussion of a letter from Pam, Paul moved to create a computerized land map fund and put the extra \$1 recording fee into the fund. Lewis seconded and the motion passed.

Paul moved and Lewis seconded to approve the curb cut application from West River Granite. The motion passed.

The Board discussed the Salmon Brook project grant. Andrew moved and Paul seconded to sign the NRCS project agreement. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Andrew seconded a motion to support Doug Hamilton's naming of a new road, off East-West Road, Autumn Gem Drive.

The Board reviewed changes in the personnel policies. Andrew will make changes in the draft and return with the edited version.

The Board reviewed an email regarding changes in language in the RERP. After discussion, it was decided not to accept the proposed changes in the language. Because the changes will be made regardless of the Board's decision, Cindy will draft language for as footnote, which will accompany the RERP noting language disagreement.

Paul reviewed the process for taking over Sugar House Road. The town will need a recordable survey done. Paul moved to lay out as a Class 3 town highway the road known as Sugar House Road, from the intersection with VT Route 30 to its terminus. Lewis seconded. The motion passed.

Lewis moved and Paul seconded to hire Bill Fitzgerald to do a recordable survey of Sugar House Road at an estimated cost of \$1700. The motion passed.

Andrew moved to hold a hearing and site visit pursuant to Title 19, VSA, Chapter 7, on August 1 2007 at 6:00 pm at the Dummerston Town Offices for the purpose of considering whether to:

1. Lay out as a class 3 highway the road known as Hopkins Rd.
2. Alter the Pent Road leading from Beaver Pond Rd. past the Banta residence to the intersection with Hopkins Rd. to a class 3 town highway with a 2 rod width.
3. Lay out as a Class 3 town highway the road known as Sugar House Rd.

Paul seconded. The motion passed.

Lewis moved and Cindy seconded to award \$955 from the Miller Fund to Youth Services for summer camp activities.

Lewis moved and Paul seconded to award \$900 from the Miller Fund for three sisters to attend Rosie's girls' camp.

After discussion the Board decided to table a request for \$425 from the Miller Fund for attendance at a softball camp. Cindy agreed to attempt to get additional information.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk