

The Board convened as the Liquor Commission at 7:26PM and recognized the parties whose wedding will be held at the Scott Farm on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Their liquor permit was amended at the last meeting to end at 11PM instead of midnight. After much discussion, Cindy moved and Tom seconded to revise the permit to allow the serving of alcohol until midnight. The vote was 2 to 1; the motion failed due to the lack of a majority vote of the entire Board. Following further discussion, Cindy moved to reconsider the vote. After a second from Tom, the motion passed by a 3-0 vote.

The Selectboard meeting was called to order at 7:44pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair Cindy Jerome and Lewis White

Members Absent: Andrew MacFarland and Paul Normandeau

Also Present: Paul Heinz from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Susan Daigler, Mark Kracum, Calvin Farwell, David Patriquin, Doug Hamilton, Amy Dews, Lee Chamberlin, Dave Woodward from Alarms Unlimited, Priscilla Svec, John Angil, Diane Sargent and Rich Cogliano from VT Emergency Management, and Laurie Frechette.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Cindy, the Board approved the minutes from July 5<sup>th</sup>

On a motion by Lewis and second by Cindy, the Board approved payment of Warrants 2 and 2P.

Calvin Farwell spoke to the Board about the brevity of the July 5<sup>th</sup> minutes regarding the discussion of the Southern Loop. Tom clarified that official meeting minutes are to reflect Board actions.

The Board recognized Amy Dews from the School Board, David Patriquin from the Lydia Taft Pratt (LTP) Library Board of Trustees, and Priscilla Svec, who have been participating in a committee formed to consider merging the LTP Library and the school library. They submitted three separate reports on the pros and cons of combining the two libraries. The consensus is that a merger will not take place in the near future due to a lack of unity among the committee members. The Board reminded the LTP trustees that they will be taking a close look at the library's funding during the upcoming budget process.

The Board invited John Angil, Rich Cogliano and Diane Sargent from VT Emergency Management and Susan Daigler to the table to discuss the revised RERP. Cindy spoke of her frustration with the requested changes that have still not been made. Tom expressed the Board's frustration with the entire RERP issue. Lewis responded to Mr. Angil's remark that the Board should not dwell on typographical and formatting errors, advising that no one should be expected to flip through the entire document to find the necessary information, especially in an emergency situation. Diane took full responsibility for the computer formatting errors. She will meet with Cindy and Susan to iron out the necessary corrections.

Following further discussion, John agreed to re-address the final paragraph of the RERP with Barbara Farr and get back to the Board in the near future.

The Board recognized Town Lister, Doug Hamilton, who was present to answer any questions regarding the contract from Cartographic Technologies for the upcoming digital mapping project. On a motion from Lewis and second by Tom, the Board approved the signing of the contract.

The Board recognized Dave Woodward from Alarms Unlimited, who presented a bid for the monitoring of the alarm systems at the Town Office and the Town Garage. The Board agreed to award the bid to Alarms Unlimited. Laurie was requested to look up the annual renewal date(s) for the alarm system monitoring and put it on the Selectboard's calendar.

The Board recognized Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin, who reported that he has received permission from property owners to create turnarounds at the end of Hague Road and East Orchard Road.

Lee advised that no new roadside mowing bids have been received. Chris Lowe is not available to do the mowing until early September. Lee is looking into the option of purchasing a mower for the Town in the future.

Lee advised the Board that the generator for the screening plant has expired and will need to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$3500.

Lee invited any available Board members to a meeting with VTrans at the Covered Bridge on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30PM to discuss wear of the bridge's decking.

The site for storing winter sand on the west side of town has been completed.

Lee advised the Board that he is planning to offer the highway job to Leslie Laughton.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board voted to enter Executive Session at 9:55PM to discuss a personnel matter. Lee and Laurie were invited to join them. The Board ended Executive Session and reconvened their regular meeting at 10:01PM.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Lewis, the Board voted to offer Leslie Laughton a starting wage of \$12.50 per hour.

Lee advised the Board that a representative from Controlled Power will be at the Town Office on Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to advise what needs to be done to the generator to bring it into service.

Discussion on revisions to the Personnel Policies was tabled until a future meeting when Andrew will be present.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Cindy, the Board moved to sign the Listers' Certificate for corrections to the 2007 Grand List.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25PM.

August 1, 2007

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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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Cindy Jerome, Vice-Chair

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant