

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 24, 2007

7:30PM

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Bodett 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: Ginny Carter, Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin; Susan Daigler, Sarah Evans, Mark Kracum, Layla Lewis, Jody Normandeau, David Patriquin, Alex Wilson, and Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board approved the minutes from October 10th.

On a motion by Paul and second from Cindy, the Board approved payment of Warrants 9 and 9P.

Cindy moved to appoint Bill Conley, Chris Derby, Diana Lischer-Goodband and Mark Stello to the Energy Committee for terms not to exceed three years. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board appointed Layla Lewis to the Recreation Board for a one-year term (to be renewed in March).

The Board recognized Sarah Evans and Layla Lewis from the Recreation Board. Sarah requested permission from the Board to build a permanent concession stand/storage facility on the grounds of the school. The Board advised her that permission must be granted by the School Board, not the Selectboard. The Board also informed Sarah that zoning permit must be obtained if the School Board approves the structure.

Sarah advised the Board that the Recreation Board is beginning a fundraising campaign to upgrade the playground at the School. On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board authorized the Recreation Board to use the Town's bulk mailing indicia for the fundraising.

The Recreation Board has scheduled Bill Shontz's Teddy Bear Picnic for Saturday, May 17, 2008. Laurie will check to see if an entertainment permit will be needed.

Andrew encouraged the Recreation Board to have a conversation with the School Board on the logistics of taking over some of the sports programs.

The Board recognized Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees, Susan Daigler and David Patriquin. The Board and Trustees discussed Library utilization and the Library's challenges from the Library's and Selectboard's perspectives. The Board stressed the importance of looking for ways to collaborate with the School's library programs to help reduce overall costs to the Town. At Tom's request, David agreed to contact Amy Dews to begin a new conversation about possible opportunities to collaborate, leaving the idea of consolidation off the table for now. Tom gave the Trustees a copy of the new Dummerston Employee Handbook and asked that they have the Librarian read it and send back the form acknowledging receipt and acceptance of the policies and procedures.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He advised the Board that Leslie Laughton will complete his probationary period on November 5th. Lee presented the Board with the first draft of his Capital Project List.

The new truck has arrived and is now in service.

The Board will hold a site visit for the partial relocation of Stickney Brook Road on Saturday, December 1st at 10:00AM. The hearing will immediately follow at the Community Center in West Dummerston.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board approved a request from the Green Mountain Mummies to perform on the Dummerston Common on October 28th.

The Board briefly reviewed a quote from the Richards Group on Property & Casualty insurance. They will wait to receive VLCT's quote before making a decision. Paul agreed to get additional information from Peter Richards, to review both quotes to reconcile possible variations in coverage and cost, and work with Laurie to present a summary to the Board.

There was no update on the search for a new Emergency Management Director.

There was no update on the search for a new Zoning Administrator.

The Board reviewed Certificates of Change to the 2006 and 2007 Grand Lists. On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board voted 4-0 (Paul abstained) to sign both certificates.

Paul and Andrew will attend the Rescue, Inc. consortium meeting on November 14th at the Holiday Inn Express.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56PM.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant