

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2008

7:30PM

This meeting was called to order by Chairman, Tom Bodett at 7:30PM at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Ginny Carter, Rich Cogliano, Steve Mindel, Patricia Stello and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Andrew and second by Lewis, the Board approved the minutes from January 2, 2008.

On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board approved the payment of Warrants 15 and 15P.

The Board recognized Planning Commission Chairman, Steve Mindel who discussed the possibility of Dummerston's filing for intervener status in the upcoming Public Service Board hearings on the proposed Southern Loop upgrade. The deadline for filing is January 25th. On a motion from Andrew and second by Lewis, the Board moved to file for intervener status with the option to withdraw at a later date. Tom will be the contact person.

In Lee Chamberlin's absence, Tom presented the Road Foreman's report. Lee will be working on the 2008 Certificate of Highway Mileage in the upcoming weeks; the report is due by February 20th.

The Board briefly discussed the upcoming rehabilitation project of the Green Iron Bridge. Paul will contact the State to verify exactly what repairs and maintenance the Town will be responsible for after the rehabilitation has been completed.

Tom reported that a grant in the amount of \$70,830 has been awarded from the State of Vermont Town Highway Structures Program to be used in the replacement of High Bridge in West Dummerston. On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board authorized Lee to obtain bids for this project.

The topic of the highway department's overtime hours and budget was revisited. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed by the majority of the Board to allow the Road Foreman to manage his crew's overtime, with the understanding that he will make every attempt to keep the overtime hours at a minimum.

The Board reviewed and discussed a few revisions to the FY 2009 General Operating Budget. On a motion by Cindy and second from Andrew, the Board approved a reduced operating budget of \$884,980. These changes were due to a reduction in the Windham Solid Waste Management District's assessment and the Windham County Tax.

Lewis updated the Board on the search for a new Emergency Management Director. The Search Committee has interviewed the four applicants and plans to recommend two individuals to be interviewed by the Selectboard at their January 30th meeting.

Laurie was asked to type a draft of the Town Meeting Warning to be sent to the Board for review.

The Board reviewed a request from a Dummerston parent for funding from the Miller Fund for his/her child to participate in an international educational trip. Lewis moved and Paul seconded to grant \$200. Cindy offered an amendment to grant \$1000 in matching funds, to be payable upon completion of fundraising and enrollment. Andrew seconded the amendment and it carried.

A Candidates' Night will be scheduled for either February 19th or 20th at the Dummerston School. Laurie was asked to contact Amy Dews to coordinate this event with the School Board.

The Board reviewed a memo from Town Clerk, Pam McFadden regarding her discussion with Ken Canning from VLCT about insurance coverage for Recreation Board sponsored programs. As the Recreation Board is appointed by the Selectboard to carry out Town business, their programs are covered under the Town's policy. Laurie will provide copies of this information to Sarah Evans from the Recreation Board and Amy Dews from the School Board.

The Board discussed the possibility of adding the digitized tax maps to the Town's website. Laurie explained that David Greenewalt from Cartographic Technologies, who is the contracted provider of this service to the Town, has advised the Listers that this program is copyrighted and cannot be published on the Internet. As there appeared to be some confusion on this topic and Laurie expressed her reluctance to speak on behalf of the Listers, Paul stated that he will contact Cartographic Technologies directly for clarification.

Tom spoke to the Board about the Selectboard holding a joint meeting with the Energy Committee. He will attend their February 4th meeting and would like the Board member who will be the liaison after Town Meeting to attend as well.

Cindy advised the Board that the Housing Advisory Commission is moving ahead in their endeavors. The Board gave their approval for the Housing Advisory Commission to be added to the Town's website.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant