

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

August 27, 2008

This meeting was called to order at 7:00PM at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Chair Lewis White, Wayne Emery, Cindy Jerome, Andrew MacFarland and Jack Manix

Also Present: Dawn Hubbard, Dan Snow, Ed Anthes, Chris Garafolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Ezekiel Goodband & Diana Lischer-Goodband (at 7:40PM) and Laurie Frechette

The Board recognized Dan Snow, who spoke to the Board about a workshop in stonework to be held the weekend of October 4th & 5th. The workshop is sponsored by the Great River Arts Institute in Bellows Falls. Dan is interested in reconstructing a historic stone livestock pound in Dummerston Center and presented a sample of his proposed structure. Several sites were discussed; Wayne will meet with Dan to look at the area to the south of the Historical Society building.

On a motion from Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board approved the minutes from August 13th on a 4-0 vote, with one abstention.

On a motion from Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board approved payment of Warrants 5, 5P and RB-2 and ratified Warrant 5A.

Laurie advised the Board that the Recreation Board recently received a \$200 donation from the Windham Community Chapel to purchase a grill for the new concession stand and requested authorization to allow the Recreation Board to proceed with the purchase. On a motion from Jack and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the request.

The Board invited Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard to the table to discuss the placement of the emergency sirens and how many sirens the town wishes to have installed this year. Ed Anthes spoke strongly in favor of having all five of the sirens installed. He also recommended placing one at Maple Valley on Route 30 in order to cover the Hague Road area as well as the swimming areas along the West River.

Cindy reiterated her strong preference for having at least four of the sirens installed this year, if not all five.

After much discussion, Andrew moved to ratify the Board's original decision to install two sirens this year; one at the Highway Garage and the other at the fire station in West Dummerston. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-1 vote.

Andrew asked Dawn what other notification options are being considered. She advised the Board that the Code Red telephone notification system is operational but the towns have not been provided with the access codes to use the system.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Emergency Management budget request for FY 2010 as presented, with the addition of two sirens.

The Board briefly reviewed the 45-day Notice of Filing for a Certificate of Public Good for the proposed National Grid expansion on the east side of Dummerston between Brattleboro and Putney. Laurie was asked to contact the Planning Commission and request that they contact all abutting landowners to this project.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Atty. Bob Fisher regarding the Town's litigation against Arthur Phaneuf. Andrew will contact Atty. Fisher to ascertain exactly what action is being pursued.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Jean Momaney regarding the zoning administrator. Andrew reminded the Board that a performance review will be conducted within the next few months.

The Board reviewed and briefly discussed letters received from Margaret Everitt and John Evans regarding the firing range in Dummerston Center and the subsequent closing of a portion of the Dummerston Trail.

The Board reviewed a Project Review Sheet from the VT Agency of Natural Resources regarding a proposed slaughter house on Old Ferry Road.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to amend the Personnel Policy as presented and to consider this the annual review.

Andrew updated the Board on the Southern Loop project. A deposition has been received for Kurt Yeager to testify on September 24th in Montpelier. Andrew presented a draft of the Town's response letter to the deposition. On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the letter as amended.

The Board reviewed a Petition & Order for Pole & Wire location on Rice Farm Road. On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the petition.

The Board reviewed a memo from Town Clerk, Pam McFadden regarding the formation of a Health & Safety Committee for the town. The committee members will be Pam, Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin and one Selectboard member. Jack nominated Wayne as the Board's representative. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Board received and granted a request from John Wilcox to authorize parking on the Town Common on Saturday, August 30th during the funeral for Dwight Miller. On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize payment for a deputy sheriff to direct traffic from 12-2:30PM on the 30th.

Cindy moved to dedicate the 2008 Town Report to Dwight Miller. Jack seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 vote.

Laurie presented a request from Beverly Kenney to authorize payment for a deputy sheriff to conduct traffic control on September 21st during the Whirled Peace celebration in the center. The Board declined to grant the request. Cindy suggested that a member of the highway crew may be willing to do it and take time off later that same week.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

September 10, 2008

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant

