

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 8, 2008

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

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board approved the minutes from September 17th on a 3-0 vote (with 2 abstentions) and the minutes from September 24th on a 4-0 vote (with 1 abstention).

On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 8, 8P, CF-5 & RB-5.

The Board recognized Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin who presented his report. The line stripe painting of Class 2 roads will be done by the State this year. It should be finished in the next few weeks.

Lee commended the road crew for the good job they did on the clearing for the stone wall project by the Historical Society building.

Lee and Wayne reported on the meeting they attended at the intersection of Depot Road and RT 30. On a motion from Andrew and second by Wayne, the Board agreed to send a letter to Wayne Gammell at the District 2 Transportation Department requesting stricter signage in this area.

Lee reported that funding from the State for the green iron bridge project has been put on hold until at least next year.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the Planning Commission pertaining to proposed changes to the zoning bylaws regarding fences (see attached). On a motion by Andrew and second from Jack, the Board scheduled a public hearing for November 19th at 7PM.

The Planning Commission recommended to the Selectboard that, in the case of the fence belonging to John and Karen Abel, which is currently in violation of the zoning bylaw, that any actions or fines with regard to this violation be suspended until such time as the bylaw amendment becomes effective. Cindy moved to approve their recommendation. Jack seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Board reviewed a request from the Recreation Board to approve a \$174.96 expenditure for soccer awards. On a motion by Wayne and second from Andrew, the Board voted 5-0 to approve their request.

The Board briefly reviewed an email from Paul Normandeau regarding transportation enhancement projects for VT Youth Conservation Corp. Wayne suggested the Prospect Hill trail might be a potential project. Laurie was asked to forward the information along to Mary Ellen Copeland for the Conservation Commission.

As Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard was unable to attend the meeting; discussion on the emergency siren activation policy was tabled until the next meeting.

Andrew gave a brief update on the Southern Loop project. Cary Gaunt will review the wetlands map that was recently received in the town office.

The bids from Wayne Holden, Howe's Lawn Care and Dynamic Landscaping for the mowing of town-owned cemeteries and the Town Common/Town Office lawn were reviewed. Cindy reported on her conversation with Dynamic Landscaping; they will mow as needed and will honor the bid as a two-year contract unless gas prices go over \$4.50 per gallon.

Lewis suggested that the Board reject all bids received and put the project out to bid again. After some discussion, the Board agreed to so and Laurie was instructed to put the legal notice in the *Brattleboro Reformer*.

Jack reported on his recent conversation with the Windham County Humane Society and the ongoing need for clarification on the role of the town's animal control officer. Andrew will invite Sheriff Keith Clark to a board meeting in the near future.

The Board reviewed an Itinerant Vendor's License application from Dallas Bertram to vend at the Covered Bridge parking lot on October 11th & 12th. On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to waive the 30-day application requirement and approve her request, with the provision that she set up in the northern half of the parking lot.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board went into Executive Session at 8:22PM regarding a personnel matter. The Board left Executive Session at 8:42PM. Two members of the Board will meet with the Zoning Administrator.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47PM.

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant
Cindy Jerome, Clerk