

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 22, 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: Virginia Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Dawn Hubbard, Cindy Wilcox and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board approved the minutes from October 8th on a 5-0 vote.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 9, 9P & CF-6.

The Board recognized Cindy Wilcox from the Planning Commission, who presented the resolution for Municipal Planning Grant for the Board's approval. On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the resolution.

The Board and Cindy briefly discussed the proposed changes to the zoning bylaws. Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin expressed his concern about deleting the requirements for building within the town right-of-way. The Board and Cindy agreed; she will take this concern back to the Planning Commission for revision. Laurie was asked to put the Legal Notice in the *Reformer* to warn the November 19th public hearing.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard, who informed them that the paperwork for the emergency sirens is still pending approval from FEMA.

A brief discussion took place regarding the emergency siren activation policy. Board members gave Dawn several topics that they wish to have addressed in the policy.

Wayne questioned the availability of iodine pills for the general public; there are none available at the present time.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that the new truck and chassis have arrived at the dealer and will be picked up tomorrow.

Lee will ask Chris Lowe for a quote for roadside mowing for next year.

VLCT has approved partial payment for snow/ice damage to the roof on the highway garage through the Town's insurance. We are waiting for an itemization of payment from them.

Wayne spoke about the concrete for the High Bridge replacement and asked Lee if the grant funds are still available. At this time, they are still available.

Cindy questioned the status of the discontinued roads project. Lewis said that he will coordinate site visits and the necessary research in the near future.

Post Office Loop is one of the town roads listed on this project. Ginny Carter questioned the Board as to why they are going back and forth as to whether Post Office Loop is a town road or a private one. It is identified on the state highway map as TH-65 and the town is annually compensated by the state. Lewis explained that a decision needs to be based upon a great deal of research, which has yet to be completed. Cindy moved to grant a request from the Green Mountain Mummies to perform on the Town Common on Sunday, November 2nd at noon. Wayne seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from the Traffic Calming Committee to send a letter to the Agency of Transportation asking for turning lanes, both northbound and southbound, on RT 30 at the Covered Bridge. On a motion by Andrew and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to instruct Laurie to draft a letter to Wayne Gammell.

Jack moved to appoint Sam Farwell to the Energy Committee. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from VLCT to sign a resolution opposing a proposed \$3 million in cuts to local highway aid. On a motion from Andrew and second by Cindy, the Board voted 5-0 to sign this resolution.

The Board reviewed a request from the Recreation Board to approve expenditures totaling \$3434.93. Andrew moved to grant their request, including use of the debit card for expenditures not to exceed the requested amount. Jack seconded the motion and it passed on a 5-0 vote.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from Acting Zoning Administrator, Pam McFadden; effective immediately. Andrew moved to accept her resignation with regret. Cindy seconded the motion and it passed on a 4-1 vote.

Andrew updated the Board on the Southern Loop project. The PSB ruled against VELCO's motion to restrict pro se representation, accepting WRC's and the town's arguments. The Public Service Department has entered into an agreement with VELCO, accepting much of their position regarding the need for the project. The Board thanked Andrew for all his hard work on this project.

Resubmitted bids from Wayne Holden, Howe's Lawncare and Dynamic Landscaping for the mowing of town-owned cemeteries and the Town Common/Town Office lawn were opened and reviewed. On a motion from Jack and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bid to Howe's Lawncare.

Andrew spoke to the Board about his recent conversation with Sheriff Keith Clark, who informed him that as of July 1, 2009, the Sheriff's Department will no longer be providing animal control services. The Town will need to come up with an alternative solution. Sheriff Clark has been invited to attend the November 5th Board meeting.

Cindy presented the Board with a schedule for upcoming budget meetings. They are as follows: Tuesday, 11/25 at 7PM; Wednesday, 12/10 at 7:45PM; Tuesday, 12/23 at 7PM.

The regular Selectboard meeting scheduled for December 31st has been rescheduled to Tuesday, December 30th at 7:30PM.

On a motion from Cindy and second from Wayne, the Board entered executive session at 9:24PM to discuss a personnel matter. The Board left executive session at 9:41PM. On a motion from Wayne and second from Jack, the Board unanimously approved the following: "Absent a resignation, the Zoning Administrator's employment will be terminated." Andrew will notify the Planning Commission of this action so they can advertise the position. We hope the current Zoning Administrator will continue working until someone new is in place.

The meeting adjourned at 9:47PM.

Approved

Lewis White, Chairman

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

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