

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 28, 2009

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

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

Also Present: Greg Brown, Lee Chamberlin, Joe Cook, Lester Dunklee, Cheryl & Tim Franklin, Zeke Goodband, Craig Goodenough, Norman & Mary Mallory, Pam McFadden and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Cindy and second by Wayne, the Board voted 4-0 (with 1 abstention) to approve the minutes from January 14th.

The Board recognized Cheryl & Tim Franklin, Norman & Mary Mallory and Craig Goodenough, a group of area private refuse haulers who presented their concerns about Windham Solid Waste Management District's increase in tipping fees and the effect it will potentially have on their businesses. They gave several handouts to the Board with information in support of their concerns. Much discussion ensued. The haulers asked the Board to send a letter to WSWMD and our state legislators expressing their opposition to the tax surcharge and their support of the independent haulers.

The Board recognized Lee Chamberlin who presented the Road Foreman's report. An update from VLCT was reviewed regarding the release of state highway aid funds. The town recently received 85% of the highway aid funds that were expected in early January.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the 2009 Certificate of Highway Mileage.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the payment of Warrants 16 & 16P.

The Board received a letter of resignation from the Housing Advisory Commission from John Wilcox. Cindy moved to accept his resignation with regret. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed by a 5-0 vote.

Andrew reported on the recent Windham County budget meeting. The assessment rate will remain the same for FY 2010.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Jack, the Board approved the 2009 Town Meeting Warning with the deletion of Article 14 and the addition of "by petition" to Article 15.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board approved the Capital Budget Plan for FY 2010.

The Board did not conduct performance reviews for Lee and Laurie. They talked about evaluation forms; Cindy will draft a form to use and send it out to the board members to look over. The Board will meet at 7pm on February 11th and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. The reviews will be conducted during that night's regular meeting. Laurie has requested that her evaluation be conducted in open session.

The Board asked Laurie to contact VLCT for a sample job description for her position.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant