

## UNAPPROVED

### SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 25, 2009

The 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, Jack Manix and Cindy Jerome

Absent: Wayne Emery

Also Present: Greg Brown, Joe Cook, Zeke Goodband, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from February 11<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Andrew and second by Jack, the Board voted 4-0 to ratify the payment of Warrant 18A and to approve the payment of Warrants 18P and 18, with the exception of the Windham County Sheriff's Department's invoice. The invoice did not have an activity report included; Laurie will call to request that one be sent.

There was no Road Foreman's report, as Lee Chamberlin was not present.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board voted 4-0 to sign the 2008 bridge inspection reports from the state.

The Board received a letter from Cary Gaunt, resigning her position on the Conservation Commission. Andrew moved to accept her resignation with regret. Jack seconded the motion and it passed by a 4-0 vote.

The Board reviewed and discussed a Project Review Sheet from the Agency of Natural Resources regarding a proposed 10 unit housing project on Dummerston Station Road by SB Land Partnership. Jack urged the future Selectboard members to stay on top of this project.

The Board discussed the proposed increase of \$13,434 in the town's assessment from Windham Solid Waste Management District for FY2010. Laurie was asked to contact George Murray from WSWMD to get the final figures before Town Meeting.

Andrew moved to increase the request at Town Meeting for the FY 2010 budget by \$13,434 or a sum that has been provided by WSWMD. Jack seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board reviewed the Selectboard Assistant's job description. On a motion by Cindy and second from Jack, the Board approved it by a 4-0 vote.

The Board discussed the issue of property tax penalties and interest. Currently if a taxpayer misses the February 5<sup>th</sup> deadline, an 8% penalty and 1% interest is added the following day. Any changes to this policy must be made at a future Town Meeting. Cindy suggested that an email list be created to remind taxpayers of upcoming payment dates.

The Board adjourned their regular meeting at 8:07pm and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission. They reviewed a renewal application for Miller Orchards. Andrew moved to approve the application. Cindy seconded the motion; it passed 3-1.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

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Lewis White, Chair

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Cindy Jerome, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant