

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

March 11, 2009

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

Members Present: Chair Andrew MacFarland, Vice-Chair Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Wayne Emery and Zeke Goodband

Also Present: Roni Byrne, Lee Chamberlin, Jean & Harold Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Rick Sullivan, and Laurie Frechette

Tom moved to authorize Andrew to sign the meeting minutes from February 25th as he was the only current member present. Greg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted to sign the meeting minutes from March 3rd and to approve the payment of Warrants 19 and 19P.

The Board recognized Rick Sullivan, who presented his concerns about including monetary requests from area human service agencies in the municipal budget. Rick also presented some suggestions for alternative options. Paul Normandeau suggested that the Dummerston Community Chest might be a good place to start since they are already an active organization. The Board will add this item to their Goals agenda.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He updated the Board on the status of the many muddy roads in town.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the 2009 Town Highways Annual Financial Plan.

The Board reviewed the bid specification sheets for the new dump truck. Wayne asked a few questions about the proposed automatic transmission and the engine brakes. The spec sheets will be sent out by Friday and the bids are to be back by March 25th. The bid will be awarded at the April 8th meeting.

There will be a meeting at the Town Office on Friday, March 13th at 10am with Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission regarding the renovations to the Green Iron Bridge.

Wayne reported to the Board about an ongoing illegal dumping issue on Bear Hill Road. Wayne will contact the Sheriff's Department to find out the status of the complaint.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Class 2 Roadway Grant application.

The Board reviewed the February 25th letter from the Windham Solid Waste Management District regarding the change in Dummerston's assessment. The next public budget meeting is March 12th. The Board will add this topic to their upcoming goals meeting.

The Board very briefly discussed the possible transfer in ownership of the former regional library building on Route 5. They will revisit this issue at their goals meeting.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Zeke, the Board voted to authorize payment of the Windham County Sheriff's Department's invoice. Payment was withheld at the last meeting until the activity report was received.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint the following town officials: Planning Commission (4 year term) – Corin Nelsen; Development Review Board – Patricia Jaquith (3 year term), Rick Sullivan & John Warren (alternates for 1 year terms); Conservation Commission (3 year terms) – Mary Ellen Copeland, Lynn Levine & Charles Richardson; Foreman of Roads – Lee Chamberlin; First Constable – Ron Hubbard; Selectboard Assistant – Laurie Frechette; Fence Viewer – Harold Newell; Town Service Officer – Rita Ramirez; Current & Delinquent Tax Collector – Pam McFadden.

Wayne offered to act as the Board’s contact person for the Cemetery Committee.

Laurie was asked to contact the Secretary of State’s office to find out the state regulations on “green burials”.

The Board will meet at 7pm on Wednesday, March 18th for a goals work session.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the signing of the 2009 Municipal Planning Grant acceptance.

Greg advised the Board that he may be called to testify before the State Legislature from time to time. He will make it very clear that he is testifying as an individual, not as a member of the Selectboard.

Tom spoke to the Board about the wireless Internet access in the Town Office – should it be available to the public or not? After some discussion, Tom moved to offer the password to all town employees and residents. Greg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Board adjourned their regular meeting at 9:52pm and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission. They reviewed a renewal application for Miller Orchards. Tom moved to approve the application. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign renewals for liquor and tobacco licenses for Circle K on Route 30.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant

