

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 20, 2009

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

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, John Evans, Pam McFadden, Harold Newell, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Zeke and second from Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from May 6th and the payment of Warrants RB-8, CF-8, 24 & 24P.

The Board recognized John Evans who requested permission to place a few signs along Route 30 and a few other roads, warning of invasive plants, especially garlic mustard and Japanese knotweed. The Board gave their permission, with the stipulation that the property owners must also give their permission.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that he is continuing to work on the Tucker Reed Road Bridge grant.

The gravel and stone crushing has been completed in the Carpenter gravel pit.

We did not receive the High Risk Rural Roads grant for Middle Road. We're fourth on the list; the top three are grant recipients.

We have qualified for the Class 2 paving grant for the East West Road from Route 5 to Dummerston Center.

Lee spoke to the Board about the repairs needed for the backhoe. The estimated cost is \$1600-1800.

Laurie was asked to contact VLCT for sample ordinances regarding overnight camping on town-owned property.

Pam questioned the legality of the drainage easements that the town is currently using. Laurie will contact VLCT to request a sample drainage easement.

The Board reviewed a letter from Jean Momaney and Sheila Eames expressing their opposition to reopening the green iron bridge to vehicular traffic. There was some discussion concerning the sight distances south on Route 30 for westbound traffic exiting the bridge. Andrew agreed to send a letter to Jean and Sheila expressing the Board's decision to proceed with the project.

Wayne spoke to the Board about his conversation with Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission regarding the epoxy application to the covered bridge decking. He will arrange a meeting with the engineering firm, Fay, Sullivan & Thorndike to discuss their feasibility study.

The Board reviewed a letter from Sheriff Keith Clark regarding the upcoming renewal of the town's contract with the Sheriff's Department. Laurie was asked to invite him to the June 3rd board meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed a request from the Energy Committee to consider an anti-idling resolution. After some discussion the Board agreed that a resolution could be useful for educational purposes. Lee pointed out that some town vehicles require a 2 minute idle time prior to shutting off the engine.

Greg briefly spoke to the Board about the former regional library building. The State is going to offer a new lease to the town which will run through November 2010.

Zeke reported on the recent meeting of the Windham Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors.

The Board reviewed drafts of the letters to be sent out to WSWMD, area private trash haulers and member Selectboards, inviting them to attend a meeting to discuss common concerns about the operation of WSWMD. Tom agreed to make sure Michelle and Lester see the letters before they're sent out.

On a motion by Greg and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the following Municipal Website policy:

The Dummerston municipal website (www.dummerston.org) was created to serve two target audiences: the residents of the town and visitors who want to know more about our town. To that end we have included information about Town government and boards/committees, and generic information to help people find resources and activities in our town and our broader area. We do not include links to news or political or advocacy organizations, nor to religious or entertainment sites.

Andrew reviewed his correspondence with Town Attorney, Bob Fisher regarding the legality of having a locked gate on any public town highway. He has not found any provision to allow this; however, the Selectboard does have the authority to designate a road as a pent road, which allows unlocked gates.

Wayne advised the Board that the Brattleboro VFW donated the flags recently placed in the town's cemeteries for Memorial Day. On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to send a \$150 donation to the VFW.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant