

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

June 3, 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: Mark Brown, Lee Chamberlin, Sara Chard-Pease, Windham County Sheriff Keith Clark, Chris Garafolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Larry Lynch, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Wayne and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from May 20, 27 and June 1, along with the payment of Warrants RB-9, 25 & 25P.

The Board recognized Windham County Sheriff Keith Clark, who spoke about the upcoming contract renewal. There will no increase in the hourly billing rate; however there will be a change in the monthly billing. The Treasurer will need to check the STARS report online before processing the payment.

Assistant Emergency Management Director Larry Lynch requested permission from the Board to use the Town Common on August 12th for a fire safety demonstration in conjunction with the senior luncheon at the Grange. On a motion by Wayne and second from Greg, the Board approved his request 5-0.

Larry reminded the Board of the upcoming VT Yankee graded exercise on June 10th.

The Board recognized Green Mountain Camp board members, Mark Brown and Sara Chard-Pease, who spoke about the camp's water problems. The State does not want them to continue using the springs; they will need to drill a well and install a distribution system. They are applying for a grant through the VT Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The paving bid specs will be brought to the next meeting for approval by the Board. The highway crew will be attending two classes in the next week sponsored by VT Local Roads.

The cab and chassis for the new truck have come in and been delivered to Tenco.

No decision was made on the forms for drainage easements and curb cuts; Lee will do more research.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to notify the landowners along Bear Hill Road and Nourse Hollow Road of the Board's intent to put unlocked gates on the roads to make them pent roads. Laurie was asked to send letters to the property owners inviting them to the next Board meeting.

Wayne updated the Board on the covered bridge project. The engineering firm of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike (FST) will do the initial work (there are now three phases of the project). Greg expressed his concern that FST be responsible for the application for all necessary permits; this is included in Phase 2. On a motion by Tom and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to ask FST to proceed with Phase I of the engineering study, using monies from the West River Crossings Fund.

The Board reviewed a request from Eesha Williams to add a link from the town's website www.dummerston.org to his website www.ValleyPost.org. After some discussion, Tom moved to ask Kevin Ryan to create an area news link, to include both the *Valley Post* and the *Brattleboro Reformer*, with a disclaimer stating that they are independent news sources. Zeke seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from Mary Ann Runge to authorize a payment of \$1100 from the Miller Fund for summer camps for children who qualify for the free/reduced school lunch program. On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to grant her request.

The Board reviewed a request from Youth Services for a \$955 grant from the Miller Fund. After much discussion, Wayne moved to send \$500. Zeke seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

Zeke briefly spoke to the Board about the recent meeting of the Windham Solid Waste Management District Board of Supervisors.

The Dummerston Selectboard will be hosting a meeting of WSWMD member towns' Selectboards, private trash haulers, and representatives from WSWMD on June 23rd at 7PM. The meeting will be held in the basement of the Dummerston Congregational Church.

No action was taken on either the anti-idling resolution or overnight parking on town property.

Tom spoke to the Board about his conversation with Dan Wilcox from the Agency of Natural Resources about the septic issue on Rice Farm Road.

At 9:39pm, the meeting was adjourned and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Zeke, the Commission approved 5-0 a request from Windham Wines to cater a reception at 297 Waterman Road on June 13th from 4:30-7:30pm.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Commission approved 4-0 (with one abstention) a request from Harvest Moon to cater a wedding reception at the Scott Farm on June 20th from 4:15-11pm.

There being no further business to come before the Liquor Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:42pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant