

UNAPPROVED

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2009

Board members present: Chair Andrew MacFarland, Tom Bodett, Wayne Emery, Greg Brown & Zeke Goodband

Also present: Linda Aiken, Lee Chamberlin, Brenda Davis, Carmen & Chris Derby, Janice Duke, Margaret Everitt, Laurie Frechette, Diana Lischer-Goodband, Pam McFadden, Jean & Harold Newell, Paul Normandeau, Sallie & Ellen Olmstead and Albert Wood

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

On a motion from Greg and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes of June 3rd and the payment of Warrants 26, 26P, Cemetery Fund-9 and Conservation Commission-5.

The Board reviewed turning Bear Hill Road and Nourse Hollow Road into pent roads. They will remain Class 3 roads; two unlocked gates will be placed on each road to help prevent illegal dumping and illicit drug activity. After some discussion with the residents of both roads, Wayne moved to proceed with the changes. Zeke seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The Board recognized Brenda Davis from the Green Mountain Camp Board of Directors, who asked them to describe the Miller Fund and its restrictions.

The Board then recognized Margaret Everitt, who spoke about the recently formed "Countryside Alliance", a group concerned with preserving the beauty and specialness of Dummerston. A few changes they wish to investigate are: to move the propane tank and Hughes satellite dish behind the Town Office building and the removal of the antennae from the Town Office building. The Board explained that the antennae and satellite dish are necessary for the Emergency Management's operations center in the upstairs of the building; they will check with Merrill Gas to see if it's possible to move the propane tank. The Alliance is also considering traffic calming measures for Dummerston Center.

Janice Duke spoke to the Board about the Miller Fund and the original intent of the bequest, which was to provide temporary care for the needy minor children of Dummerston. Discussion took place about the monies granted from this fund by recent Boards and what types of requests should be granted. The Board agreed that they are taking a closer look at all requests since the fund is not earning as much interest as in previous years due to the economy.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He wishes to begin work on the town's hazard mitigation plan. Greg agreed to represent the Selectboard on this committee.

The Agency of Transportation (AOT) will hold a meeting to discuss the Green Iron Bridge renovations on June 30th at 10am at the District 2 AOT office.

The Board reviewed a request from Beverly Kenney to use the Town Common on September 20th for the International Day of Peace celebration. On a motion from Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to grant her request.

Harold Newell questioned the Board about the status of the failed septic system at 270 West Street. After reviewing the correspondence from the town's Health Officer, they advised him that the State of VT is in the process of selling some of the land needed to replace the system to the property owner.

As this may take several years, the property owner is required to have the septic system pumped on a regular basis in the interim.

Zeke updated the Board on the recent meeting of the Windham Solid Waste Management District's (WSWMD) Board of Supervisors' meeting. Andrew will put together an agenda for the upcoming meeting on June 23rd of member towns' Selectboards, WSWMD representatives and area private trash haulers. This meeting will be held in the basement of the Dummerston Congregational Church.

No action was taken on the drainage easements and curb cut forms currently used by the town. Lee will check with Steve Jerome at VT Local Roads for samples used by other towns.

Wayne presented the Board with the covered bridge assessment done by Faye, Spofford & Thorndike, along with their estimate of necessary repairs (approximately \$136,000). After some discussion, Wayne moved to not go ahead with their proposal at this time. Tom seconded the motion and it passed 5-0. Tom agreed to contact Matt Mann regarding transportation enhancement grant opportunities, town match money, and time frames.

On a motion by Greg and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the FY 2010 contract with the Windham County Sheriff's Department.

Greg spoke to the Board about his recent conversation with Lt. Kraig LaPorte from the VT State Police regarding the recent spate of burglaries in Dummerston. Without going into detail, Lt. LaPorte advised that there should be a break in the case soon.

State Representative Mike Mrowicki is planning to attend the July 15th Selectboard meeting.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant