

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 1, 2009

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

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

Absent: Tom Bodett

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Jean & Harold Newell, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Zeke and second from Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes from June 17 & 23, along with the payment of Warrants 1 & 1P.

The Board agreed to hold a special meeting on Tuesday, July 7th at 7PM to set the 2009 Municipal tax rate.

The Board reviewed two requests from school nurse, Mary Ann Runge for summer camp grants from the Miller Fund. On a motion from Greg and second by Wayne, the Board voted 4-0 to grant a \$60 request based on need and to deny a \$350 request.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He presented paving bid specs to the Board for their review. They will be sent out tomorrow.

The gates and signs are on order for the two pent roads. The signs at either end of Bear Hill Road and Nourse Hollow Road will read "Gated Road". Stop signs will be posted on each gate.

Lee spoke to the Board about the upcoming paving of East-West Road. A brief discussion took place about the possible purchase of a machine used to fill in the shoulders along the sides of the road. The approximate cost is \$4500; no decision was made.

Lee and Wayne reported to the Board on the June 30th Green Iron Bridge meeting with the VT Agency of Transportation. Construction is to begin very soon; the anticipated completion date is August 27, 2010. The construction trailer will be situated near the Fairpoint platform at the south end of Stickney Brook Road.

Wayne spoke to the Board about the Covered Bridge decking. He received a verbal quote of \$75,000 to \$100,000 from Renaud Bros. for the replacement of 50' of worn decking. After some discussion, the Board asked Wayne to arrange a meeting with Matt Mann from Windham Regional and the engineering firm.

The Board reviewed a notice from the VT Department of Taxes that the 2009 Non-Residential education tax rate will be \$1.3394; the Homestead education tax rate will be \$1.5596.

The Board reviewed a memo from Town Clerk, Pam McFadden regarding the increase in recording fees, effective July 1, 2009. The fee will increase from \$8 to \$10 per page. On a motion by Wayne and second from Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize the deposit of the additional \$2 into the reserve fund for the digitalization of Land Records.

On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the estimate from Code 3 for \$130 per fire alarm inspection (at the Town Office, Highway Garage and Covered Bridge).

Andrew will invite the trustees of the Dummerston Community Chest to attend the July 15th Board meeting.

The proposed Town Plan revisions were received from the Planning Commission on June 30th. A full Selectboard review of the plan will take place at the July 15th meeting.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board entered Executive Session at 8:15pm to discuss pending legal action. The Board ended Executive Session at 8:22pm. On a motion by Greg, seconded by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to accept the recommendation of VT League of Cities & Towns in the matter of Gina Faro.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant
Wayne Emery, Clerk