

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

August 26, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 6:30pm at the Dummerston Community Center in West Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Laurie Frechette (several community members were also present in preparation for the following public hearing)

Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin presented his report to the Board. He spoke about the upcoming fundraiser for Brattleboro Memorial Hospital on October 3rd, called "Touch a Truck". On a motion by Wayne, seconded by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize participation in the fundraiser.

Lee reported that the bridge on East-West Road in Slab Hollow will be closed to traffic for 24 hours the day before paving occurs. The date has not yet been set; it should happen between September 7th and 15th.

The Board reviewed a letter from VTrans regarding the Route 5 paving project which is scheduled to take place in 2010. The entire length of Route 5 in Dummerston is slated to be repaved.

Information from the VT Agency of Transportation regarding ancient roads was briefly discussed. Tom spoke of the need to resurrect the Ancient Roads Committee.

Notification was received that the Town has been awarded \$86,400 from the AOT's Structures Grant program for the work on the covered bridge decking. On a motion by Wayne and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the grant agreement.

Renaud Bros. is hoping to begin the project in November 2009. Lee expressed his reservations about the late starting date and possible inclement winter weather.

Tom spoke to the Board about the upcoming meeting on September 2nd with Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission regarding the covered bridge project.

The FY 2010 Grant Agreement with VT Emergency Management (VEM) was tabled until the next meeting; more information is needed on recent changes in the agreement.

Greg and Dawn Hubbard advised the Board that the next VEM budget meetings will be held on September 16th & 30th. The requested budget items need to be finalized by September 16th. Dawn will present her proposed budget to the Selectboard at their next meeting.

Greg updated the Board on the water situation at Charette's trailer park. Because it is not feasible to drill a shallow gravel well in Dutton Pines State Park, a deep well will be drilled in the next few months.

Andrew will schedule a meeting with the VT Department of Buildings & General Services and the Learning Collaborative regarding the former regional library meeting.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm.

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SELECTBOARD PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES PROPOSED REVISIONS TO TOWN PLAN

August 26, 2009

This public hearing was called to order at 7:00pm at the Dummerston Community Center in West Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Ruth Allard, John Anderson, Glenn Annis, Ed Anthes, Dana Aquadro, David Baker, Merrill & Ruth Barton, Art Benedict, Carol Bessette, Jim & Lisa Blake, Chandra Bossard, Deborah Brookes, Carolyn Brooks, Nancy Burgess, Ginny Carter, Elizabeth Catlin, Lynn Caulfield, Lee Chamberlin, Richard Cogliano, Mary Ellen Copeland, Jason Davis, Elizabeth Davis, Eric Davis, Karen & Roger Davis, Robert Davis, Lester Dunklee, Thane Emery, Jason Evans, Faith & Roger Evans, Sam Farwell, Dennis & Laurie Frechette, Arnold Garland, Maria, Steve, Ted & Theresa Glabach, Samuel Griffis, Esq., Chip Hellus, Matthew Hoffman, Dawn & Roland Hubbard, Barbara & Tom Johnson, Pamela Johnson, Louis Lepporoli, Susan Leuchter, Rip Lhamon, Pete Lynch, Diana Lischer-Goodband, Jack Manix, Pam McFadden, Gladys Miller, Malah & Read Miller, Stephan Mindel, Kristina Naylor, Charlotte Neer, Harold & Jean Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, Paul Putnam, Rita Ramirez, Charles Richardson, Regina Rockefeller, Bill & Mary Lou Schmidt, Alexander Shriver, Esq., Patti Smith, John Sommer, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Muriel & Robert Taylor, Roger Turner, Robert Wainwright, John Wehner, Suzanne Weinberg, Bobbie Wendell, Mark Whitaker, Eugene Whitney, Cindy Wilcox, Alex Wilson, Carol Wood, Lou & Thomas Zopf

The Selectboard heard testimony from many Dummerston property owners regarding the proposed changes to the Town Plan. Some areas of strong concern included but were not limited to: the proposed land use changes, especially the one unit per 27 acres in the Conservation District; potential restrictions placed on land included in the Critical Conservation Corridors; changing the designation of West Dummerston Village to Mixed Density; the preservation of undeveloped and unfragmented land tracts, as well as the preservation of individual property owner's rights.

Several people thanked the Planning Commission and other town committee members for all of their hard work in preparing the proposed plan.

On a motion by Greg and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to recess the hearing until 3pm on Monday, August 31st for the purpose of receiving written testimony from the public and to close the hearing at that time.. The Board will hold deliberations at their next meeting on Wednesday, September 9th.

This public hearing was recessed at 9:15pm.