

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 9, 2009

This meeting 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: Elizabeth Catlin & Steve Mindel from the Planning Commission, David Baker, Ruth Barton, Debbie Brookes, Shorty Forrett, Maria & Steve Glabach, Carlene, Chip & Linda Hellus, Dawn Hubbard, Barbara & Tom Johnson, John Sommer, Bob Taylor, Roger Turner, Albert Wood, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro* Reformer, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from August 26th and September 2nd.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 6 and 6P.

The Board began deliberations on the proposed revisions to the Town Plan. Greg spoke of his discomfort with the plan as presented as well as the option of re-adopting the current plan. He felt it would be prudent to send it back to the Planning Commission with specific changes that the Board would like to see included. Wayne would like to take the time to go through the Plan page by page and also make specific recommendations for changes.

Greg moved to decline the adoption of the plan as presented. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed on a 5-0 vote. The Board agreed as a whole that this should not be interpreted as a rejection of all of the Planning Commission's hard work over the past several years.

Steve Glabach asked the Board to supply an addendum with a summary of all changes. He also asked the Planning Commission to meet with individual property owners to invite their input. Steve Mindel invited everyone to all Planning Commission meetings and reiterated that they have tried very hard to include all landowners.

Greg asked all Board members to bring a list of issues and suggested changes to the next meeting on September 23rd.

Discussion of the Town Plan will take place over the next several meetings. Topics to be discussed and the corresponding dates are: 9/23 – Recreation, Scenic, Historic and Cultural Resources; 10/7 – Land Use; 10/21 - Working Landscape and all other topics.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard. Discussion took place regarding the proposed FY 2011 RERP budget. In addition to the \$5000 annual discretionary spending payment and the \$20,000 EMD stipend, Dawn is requesting \$8000 in expenditures for the Fire Department and Highway Department. On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the proposed budget.

As Dummerston's EMD is treated as a contractor and not as an employee, Dawn is responsible for providing her own Worker's Compensation insurance or signing a waiver with the Town.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the FY 2010 Grant Agreement with VT Emergency Management (VEM).

There was no update on the emergency siren activation policy; Dawn is still waiting for more information from Mark Gilmore at Entergy VT Yankee.

The Board briefly reviewed Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin's written report.

Wayne and Tom both advised that no word has been received from Renaud Bros. on the date for beginning work on the covered bridge.

The Board reviewed proposals from Faye, Spofford & Thorndike (\$8600) and Stevens & Associates (\$3400) for assistance in preparing the grant applications for the covered bridge work. On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to award the contract to Stevens & Associates.

Andrew will draft a letter to send to abutting landowners next week.

Greg moved to appoint Bob Sherwood to fill the unexpired term on the Energy Committee created by Cary Gaunt's resignation. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Hannah Parker and Bob Thibault on Ryan Road regarding the lack of high speed internet access. Tom will respond to their inquiry.

A note from Town Clerk Pam McFadden was reviewed regarding a resident's request for "Neighborhood Watch" signs in the upper Stickney Brook Road/Hill Road area. No action was taken.

Setting a date for a meeting with the VT Dept. of Buildings & General Services regarding the former regional library building was tabled; they have not yet responded to Andrew's requests.

On a motion by Tom and second from Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the Anti-Idling resolution presented by the Energy Committee.

Laurie was asked to send the differences in the VLCT property insurance rates to the Board members.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board approved 5-0 a Vendor's Permit Request from the Dummerston Historical Society to sell memorabilia at the Covered Bridge parking lot on October 3, 10, 12, 17 from 10am-4pm.

Zeke gave a brief update on the activities of the Windham Solid Waste Management District.

Andrew spoke to the Board about property owner John Cusack's concerns regarding the Dummerston/Newfane town line near Hill Road. Andrew will contact the Newfane Selectboard to see if they are interested in holding a joint meeting.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant