

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 23, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Evening Star Grange in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Member Absent: Tom Bodett

Also Present: Elizabeth Catlin, Regina Rockefeller, David Ryan & Bob Wainwright from the Planning Commission, Ruth Barton, Debbie Brookes, Lee Chamberlin, Terry Chapman, Chuck Fish, Maria & Steve Glabach, Sam Griffis, Nelson Jillson, Harold & Jean Newell, Dan Normandeau, Paul Normandeau, Gail & Lew Sorenson, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes from September 9th and the payment of Warrants 7, 7P, CF3 & RB2.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Town Treasurer regarding the lease payment for the 2009 fire truck. The payment due in October is \$42,524.91; only \$40,000 was approved at Town Meeting to be paid out of the Capital Plan Fund. On a motion by Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to pay the additional \$2524.91 out of the General Fund.

An update from the informal traffic committee was reviewed and discussed. The High Risk Rural Roads grant was discussed, especially the provision requiring payment to be made up front to be reimbursed by the state. Greg moved to authorize payment for the signage, Wayne seconded the motion. It passed 4-0. Laurie was excused from the meeting at 7:40pm.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The paving for this year has been completed except for the north end of Windmill Hill Road. The road crew will be working on road scraping and under drainage during the next few weeks.

Wayne spoke to the Board about the upcoming wing wall replacements at the covered bridge.

The Board reviewed a letter from VTrans regarding the expanded no parking zone on RT 30 near the Williamsville Road.

Ruth Barton thanked the Town for paving in front of the Grange.

Paul prodded the Board to continue to prod the State about the grant for the Tucker Reed Road bridge project.

The Board opened discussion on the recreation, scenic, historic and cultural resources sections of the Town Plan. It was agreed that the Trails Committee should remain an adhoc committee and not an official town committee. There was active discussion of the language in the plan from those attending. Some of the suggestions were:

It was clarified that there is actually only one (1) boat landing located in Dummerston.

Policy 1.1 "Maintain and enhance convenient public access to public lands."

It was suggested that a separate subheading be devoted to those aspects of the policy referring to private land.

Policy 1.4 "Protect Views of the night sky, eliminate glare, and minimize light pollution"

Residents expressed concern about not being able to have dusk to dawn lights in their yards.

Discussion of noise ordinance Policy 1.5. It was agreed to ask the Planning Commission to change the wording to “explore the viability of” a noise ordinance.

Policy 2.2 Protect exemplary areas of historic resources. It was agreed that the language in action step b be changed the “Investigate the value and impact of designating Dummerston Center as a local historic district (Planning Commission).

No action was taken on an email from Anne Eddy regarding the town’s animal control officer.

An invitation was received from Frances Herbert to attend an organizational Neighborhood Watch program on September 26th for the Hill Road/Stickney Brook Broad neighborhood.

The Board voted to accept Cary Gaunt’s resignation from the Energy Committee.

Andrew will contact the VLCT Health Trust for more information on their offered products.

The Windham County Sheriff has offered to provide more traffic control on RT 5.

A meeting with the VT Dept. of Buildings & General Services will be held on September 29th at 10:30am at the former regional library building on RT 5.

The Selectboard will hold a hearing as the Board of Health on Wednesday, September 30th at 5pm at the Town Offices regarding the failed septic system at 270 West Street.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to designate Andrew MacFarland as the authorized representative for the FY2009 Municipal Planning Grant.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Zeke, the Selectboard adjourned their regular meeting at 8:40pm and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission.

The Commission reviewed a request from the Putney Inn to cater an event at the Evening Star Grange on October 3rd from 6-10pm. Zeke moved to approve their request, Greg seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

With no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chairman

Wayne Emery, Clerk

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