

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 29, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 10:30AM at the regional library building in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Member Absent: Wayne Emery

Also Present: State Senator Jeanette White; Casey Murrow, Julie Peterson, Jeannie Crosby from the Southern VT Learning Collaborative; Ruth Allard, Windham County Reads; Allen Palmer and Jerry Myers, VT Buildings and General Services Administration; Paul Smith, WSESU; Ruth Barton

Commissioner Myers agreed that the proposed lease agreement for the former regional library property, which expires 8/31/10 will be amended to expire 9/30/10. The new lease will be presented for approval at the 10/7/09 Selectboard meeting.

After introductions, Commissioner Myers discussed BGSA's need to dispose of the regional library building and the reasons for it. He reviewed state law regarding disposal of properties and explained that the rules are different if the Town of Dummerston were to purchase the property than they would be if a private group were to purchase it.

If a municipality negotiates a purchase BGSA can determine value based on an appraisal and deduction of liabilities and deficiencies. If a sale is to a non-municipality an open bidding process is required with the sale to the highest bidder.

If Dummerston were to purchase the property, a resale is allowed, with BGSA holding a right of first refusal.

The Selectboard agreed to discuss again at the next meeting with the full board present to decide if Dummerston is interested in pursuing the option of purchase. If so, Commissioner Myers will obtain an appraisal as a way to get the negotiation process underway.

In addition, the Selectboard and Southern VT Learning Collaborative will enter into discussions about a lease agreement in the event that the town purchases the building.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Andrew MacFarland, Chair