

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

November 4, 2009

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

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

Also Present: Elizabeth Catlin, Steve Mindel, Corin Nelsen, Regina Rockefeller, David Ryan & Cindy Wilcox from the Planning Commission, Casey Murrow & Julie Peterson from the Southeastern VT Learning Collaborative, Ruth Barton, Debbie Brookes, Lee Chamberlin, Maria & Steve Glabach, Matthew Hoffman, Barbara & Tom Johnson, Steven Meggiolaro, Jean Newell, Paul Normandeau, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Robert Taylor, Albert Wood and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from October 21st and the payment of Warrants 10, 10P & CF4.

Paul Normandeau questioned Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin about the newly painted yellow and white lines along sections of East-West and Middle Roads. Lee explained that the State is responsible for painting the center lines on the newly paved roads; they are supposed to do so in the near future. The Town had budgeted \$2000 for road line painting in the current fiscal year. This amount allowed the painting of center lines from the Covered Bridge to Dummerston Center, white lines along the entire East-West Road, and white lines on the sharp corners of Middle Road.

The Board opened discussion on the following sections of the Town Plan: Conserved Lands, Natural Resources, Energy, Transportation, Housing and Education. Several changes were made to these sections; the language should be finalized at the November 18th meeting, along with discussion of the Commerce & Industry; Community Facilities, Services & Utilities, and Relationship to Adjacent Towns sections.

The Board recognized Casey Murrow and Julie Peterson from the Southeastern VT Learning Collaborative. Discussion took place regarding the future of the former regional library building on Route 5. They are willing to sign the new lease which runs through October 2010. The Town is waiting for its return from the town attorney. The State is in the process of obtaining an appraisal of the building. Once that is available, the Town and the Collaborative will be better able to evaluate the feasibility of purchasing the property.

Lee presented the Highway Report. He recently received word from the Agency of Natural Resources that the Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) has been resurrected and three possible projects in Dummerston are in the works. He will keep the Board posted on the progress.

The pent gate at the south end of Nourse Hollow Road has been destroyed and needs to be replaced. The Board gave their authorization.

On a motion by Greg and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint the following people to the Social Services Advisory Committee for a term to expire in March 2010: Roni Byrne, Cindy Jerome, Jack Lilly, Jean Newell, Jody Normandeau, Sara Ryan, Jane Sbardella, Gail Sorenson, and John Wilcox. This committee has been created to review submitted requests for funding from area health & welfare organizations and to offer recommendations to the Selectboard on how to allocate budgeted funds for the above agencies.

No action was taken on the Neighborhood Watch program in the Hill Road area. The Board agreed that it would be useful to have one or more representatives of the group attend a meeting to talk about their plans and actions they're taking, including how many signs they're requesting and where they would be placed.

On a motion by Greg and second from Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign an agreement with the Windham Regional Commission for work to be done on the zoning by-law update.

The Board reviewed the FY 2011 contract with Rescue, Inc. The Town's assessment will increase by \$1149. On a motion by Tom and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the contract.

A discussion of health insurance options was postponed until the November 18th meeting.

The covered bridge lighting project is currently on hold.

Wayne advised the Board that Renaud Bros. is hoping to begin work on the covered bridge decking in the next few weeks. Laurie reminded him of the school's request to be notified as early as possible so that they and the bus company may make alternate plans.

On a motion by Tom and second from Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Greg Brown to serve as a liaison between the Selectboard and the Planning Commission to work on the town plan rewrite and zoning bylaw revisions.

The Board reviewed the FY 2011 budget work session schedule. The initial review will take place on November 24th at 7pm.

No records have been submitted by the owner of 270 West Street proving compliance with the health order. The Board agreed we should proceed with efforts to obtain a court order requiring compliance.

Zeke made the following motion: "The Dummerston Selectboard proclaims Tuesday, November 10, 2009 as Dummerston Girls Soccer Team Day in recognition of their outstanding achievement." Wayne seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

The Board voted 5-0 to enter Executive Session at 9:40pm to discuss a civil action and a potential real estate transaction. Laurie was excused from the meeting and left the building. The Board returned to regular session at 9:50pm and on a motion from Greg and second from Wayne, voted 5-0 to accept the recommendation of VLCT-PACIF and approve a settlement of the Gina Faro action for \$8250.

The Board reviewed an invitation to attend the regional emergency management recognition dinner on November 19th in Keene, NH. None of the board is able to attend and Andrew agreed to let Laurie know so the RSVP can be sent by the 6th.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant
Andrew MacFarland, Chair