

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

November 18, 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: Steve Mindel, Regina Rockefeller, Cindy Wilcox from the Planning Commission, Ruth Allard, Ruth & Merrill Barton, Bruce Berg, Matt Bolster, Debbie Brookes, Christopher Brown, Ken Carpenter, Michael Chamberlin, Paul & Terry Chapman, Danielle Clark, Catherine Dianich Gruver, Lester Dunklee, Nancy Ellis, Arthur Ellor, Faith & Roger Evans, Gordon Evans, Jim Evans, Stanley Evans, Charles Fish, William Fitzpatrick, Amy, Kimberly & Skip Fletcher, Bill Flynt, Deb Forrett & Aisha Schor, Sora Friedman, Arnold Garland, Carlton Garland, Maria & Steve Glabach, Ted Glabach, Claude Gouin, Carlene & Chip Hellus, Linda Hellus, Steve Hellus, Mary H. Hickin, Matthew Hoffman, Emilia & George Houghton, Ron Hubbard, Nelson Jillson, Barbara & Tom Johnson, Pam Johnson, Bob Karg, Dara Kehnemuyi, Pam & Andrew King, Eberhard & Gail Kuschel, Lynn Levine, Jack Lilly, Dan Marx, Pam McFadden, Steven Meggiolaro, Read Miller, Neil Montgomery, Greg Moschetti, Kelt Naylor, Jean & Harold Newell, Dan Normandeau, Paul Normandeau, Patricia & Paul Putnam, Kate Rabideau, Godfrey Renaud, Howard Short, Terry Short, Thomas Simeon, Gail Sorenson, Robert Taylor, Christie Turner, Roger Turner, Cooper Turner-Renaud, John Wehner, Bobbie & Chet Wendell, Gene Whitney, Winnie Vogt, Steven White, Michael Wilmott, Albert Wood and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from November 4th and the payment of Warrants 11 & 11P.

Before opening discussion on the Town Plan revisions, Andrew reviewed the history of the Selectboard's review process, beginning with the public hearing held on August 26th. At their next meeting, the Board voted unanimously to reject the plan as presented and to spend the next six meetings discussing and recommending changes to send back to the Planning Commission.

Much discussion ensued regarding the Town Plan. Steve Glabach expressed his frustration that the Selectboard is not listening to the residents and their dissatisfaction with the proposed plan. Both Tom and Greg assured him that the Board is listening to both the written and verbal comments and have taken them to heart. Dan Normandeau asked to have the Planning Commission better publicize their meeting times and agendas. Ruth Barton emphatically requested to have the old Town Plan re-adopted.

Tom moved to accept the changes to the Town Plan as amended and send it back to the Planning Commission. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Laurie was asked to have the Selectboard's letter to the Planning Commission posted on the Town's website www.dummerston.org.

Word has been received from Renaud Bros. that the covered bridge will be closed from November 30 until December 14. They will post a sign on RT 30 warning of the closing; the Town will post signs on the east end of the bridge and in Dummerston Center. Laurie was asked to coordinate a meeting with the school, bus company and Lee to discuss bus transportation changes.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Agency of Transportation grant report for the completed paving project.

Andrew spoke to the Board about 270 West Street. The failed septic system has been pumped several times recently but not on a weekly basis as order. The next step is to proceed to Superior Court which will be done within the next few weeks. Several neighbors were present and expressed their frustration with the lengthy process and continuing odor problem.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the sub-lease agreement between the Town and the Southern VT Learning Collaborative.

On a motion by Tom and second from Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Amanda McCulloch to the Social Services Advisory Committee for a term to expire in March 2010.

A brief discussion of health insurance options took place. Pam will arrange a meeting with VLCT to obtain more information.

Zeke updated the Board on recent meetings at the Windham Solid Waste Management District.

The first budget work session will be held on Tuesday, November 24th at 7PM at the Town Office.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant