

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 16, 2009

This meeting was called to order at 7:00pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Smokey Howe, Pam McFadden, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from November 24th, December 2nd & 10th and the payment of Warrants 13 & 13P.

The Board recognized Smokey Howe, who gave an update on the covered bridge lighting project. Philips Lighting is donating ten new lighting fixtures, bronze in color, for the project. The bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic on Saturday, January 23rd for approximately eight hours. The snow date is Saturday, January 30th. The Board thanked Smokey again for all of his hard work on this project.

The Board reviewed a letter received from Sheriff Keith Clark regarding the FY 2010 budget and the fact that it has already been spent. Andrew has spoken with Capt. Robert Lakin, who assured him that the department will continue to provide service to the town.

Andrew will contact Frances Herbert about the cost of the Neighborhood Watch signs at \$50 per sign.

On a motion by Tom and second from Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to transfer \$9600 from the West River Crossings Fund to the General Fund to pay for the 10% town match on the covered bridge repairs.

Greg spoke to the Board about the recent Windham County Budget Meeting. The Town's FY 2011 assessment should be less than last year's.

The Board continued discussion of the FY 2011 budget. After discussing a few health insurance options, Zeke moved to go with the plan which includes a \$200 deductible. Wayne seconded the motion; it passed on a 4-1 vote. Tom voted against the motion, as it will increase the out-of-pocket expenses for employees.

The next budget work session will be held on Wednesday, December 23rd at 7pm.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant