

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

April 7, 2010

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, Harold Newell & Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from March 24th, as well as the payment of Warrants 21 & 21P.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report to the Board. Allard Lumber Company has offered to incorporate the Town's planned drainage project with theirs along Old Ferry Road. The only cost to the Town will be to provide 200' of 18" pipe/culvert. Wayne moved to authorize Lee to pursue the project. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Carpenter gravel pit will reopen for the season on April 15th. The gravel crushing has tentatively been scheduled for May.

The stream alteration permit has been received for the Tucker Reed Road bridge project. Bid specifications will be going out in the next few weeks.

Tom updated the Board on the covered bridge wingwall project. The Town has been awarded \$200,000 of the \$225,000 Transportation Enhancement grant that was applied for in October. Wayne moved to authorize Tom to sign the grant agreement. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Atty. Jodi French regarding 270 West Street. The property owner has signed a stipulation agreement to leave the premises vacant until the failed septic system has been replaced. Therefore tomorrow's court date has been cancelled. Zeke moved to ratify the stipulation agreement. Wayne seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a request from the Nature Conservancy to complete a municipal impact questionnaire for their Act 250 application. On a motion by Zeke and second from Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to ask Laurie to complete and submit the questionnaire.

The Board reviewed a request from the Delinquent Tax Collector for approval to request legal assistance for the upcoming tax sale of Parcel #605 on Upper Dummerston Road. On a motion by Wayne and second from Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to approve her request. On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board also voted 5-0 to proceed with the tax sale of Parcel #573 on Hill Road.

Zeke moved to approve the Recreation Board's request for \$528 in baseball expenditures, along with the rental of a port-a-potty for baseball season. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

There was no update on the Dummerston-Newfane town line.

On a motion by Greg and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Roni Byrne and Don Munson to the Housing Advisory Commission.

On a motion by Tom and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint Lew Sorenson and Roger Turner to the Windham Regional Commission.

On a motion by Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Ruth Barton as Dummerston Representative on the Council on Aging.

Wayne moved to appoint Zeke Goodband as the Town's interim Health Officer. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Tom moved to appoint Steve Glabach to the Planning Commission. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Tom spoke to the Board about the Planning Commission's concerns about the upcoming costs to print the Town Plan revisions. There is still money in their printing budget; however, they may have to overspend if necessary.

The Selectboard's public hearing on the Town Plan will be held at 7PM on Wednesday, June 9th (site TBA).

Zeke spoke to the Board about his March 29th visit to the Baptist Cemetery with Godfrey Renaud, Charlie Richardson and Harold Newell to evaluate the large maple trees. Godfrey will do some cabling and trimming of one of the trees. Otherwise, they appear to be magnificent specimens of mature maple trees.

On a motion from Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the trailer park license for Ralph & Delia Bolster on East-West Road.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Listers' Certificate of "No Appeal or Suit Pending".

Tom spoke to the Board about a public health complaint at 52 Johnson's Curve Road.

Tom spoke to the Board about complaints received regarding vicious dogs in the Hague Road/Travis Drive area. Zeke and Wayne will visit the animal owners to discuss the situation.

On a motion by Wayne and second from Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Windham County Humane Society to begin charging a \$25 impoundment fee.

Performance evaluations will be done in the near future for the Road Foreman, Selectboard Assistant and Zoning Administrator.

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant