

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 15, 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: Juliet Cuming, David Shaw, Claudia Teachman-Blocher, Jean & Harold Newell, Daniel Sicken, Jeff Unsicker, Bob Bady, Sam Farwell, Dawn Hubbard, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Wayne and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from December 1st & 7th, along with the payment of Warrants 12 & 12P, and ratification of Warrant RB-5.

The Board recognized Juliet Cuming, David Shaw, Claudia Teachman-Blocher, Daniel Sicken, Jeff Unsicker and Bob Bady, who presented a letter addressed to "Those with Authority Over the VT Yankee Nuclear Power Station in Vernon" regarding the proposed 2012 shutdown of the power station and the requested minimization of any negative impacts that the closure may have on its workers, local residents, and the environment. Tom moved to sign the letter with the omission of the 5th bullet pertaining to an early closure of the plant. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Town Clerk regarding the proposed new woodstove for the Town Office and the sale of the Tempwood stove. On a motion by Zeke and second by Tom, the Board voted 5-0 to accept the \$3666 bid from Friends of the Sun and to authorize the purchase of programmable thermostats for the electric heat in the office. The Board agreed to accept bids on the Tempwood stove until their next regular meeting on December 29th. Laurie will have the notice posted on the town website and at the usual posting sites around town. The notice will include the wording "sale as is".

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Dawn Hubbard, who requested the Board's approval of the Basic Emergency Operations Plan (BEOP). After some discussion, it was agreed that Dawn will update the plan to state that the telephone notification system is in place via Keene Mutual Aid. She will make the necessary revisions and send the plan back to the Board for an upcoming meeting.

Andrew spoke of the Board's request that Dawn share a portion of the EMD'S annual stipend with her assistant EMD. She agreed and will get back to Laurie with an agreed upon amount.

Correspondence for information included a Wastewater System Permit WW23890 for Jean Gassett/Karlene Vernier at 835 RT 5; a 12/1 letter of Town Plan approval from the Windham Regional Commission.

The Board reviewed a request from Timson Hill Preschool for a \$500 FY 2012 appropriation to be placed as an article on the 2011 Town Meeting warning. On a motion by Greg and second by Wayne, the Board denied this request 5-0; Laurie will send them a letter asking that they submit a petition for this request.

Andrew will attend the Windham County budget meeting on December 20th at 10am in Newfane.

The Board reviewed a memo from the Delinquent Tax Collector regarding an upcoming tax sale on January 12th. The parcel of land is located off of Hague Road. Tom moved to grant her request to have the Town Attorney run the sale. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion from Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Matthew Hoffman's resignation from the RT 5/30 Committee and appoint Lew Sorenson in his place.

Tom spoke to the Board on the need for a new engineering estimate for the Hidden Acres gravel project. He moved that the Board approve his request to work with Stevens & Associates on the bid specs. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Wayne reported that in a recent conversation with Mike Renaud, he found that work on the Green Iron Bridge is at a standstill for the foreseeable future due to structural problems.

The Board reviewed the revised Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) between the Town and the Southeast VT Learning Collaborative. Although the Learning Collaborative is legally exempt from paying the educational tax, the Agreement states the following: "The property value [for the property as described in Volume 40, Page 198, of the Dummerston Land Records], shall be appraised at 100% of the fair market value, as set forth in 32 V.S.A. §3431. During the first year of SEVLC payments to the Town, if the common level of appraisal is not then at 100%, then the fair market value shall be multiplied by the common level of appraisal for the municipality as determined by the division of property value and review to calculate the property listed value. The property shall be set in the grand list at 1% of its listed value on April 1st of the year of its appraisal, as set forth in 32 V.S.A. §3482. The total payment due shall be obtained by causing the grand list value to be multiplied first by the non-residential education tax rate as determined by the Vermont Department of Taxes to obtain the first subtotal, and then by causing the grand list value to be multiplied by the adjusted municipal tax rate (including any applicable local taxes) to obtain the second subtotal, and adding the two subtotals for the total amount of payment due. "Tom moved to approve the agreement as amended and forward it to the Learning Collaborative. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

There was no update on the SB Land Partnership bond account.

The Board will hold its next budget work session on Tuesday, December 21st beginning at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

December 29, 2010
Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk