

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 29, 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: Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Tom and second by Wayne, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from December 15th & 21st, along with the payment of Warrants 13 & 13P.

The Board briefly reviewed a letter from Wade Masure at VLCT regarding recent safety training programs held for the highway crew.

Notification was received from VT Better Backroads of their denial of a grant application for a drainage project on the East West Road near the covered bridge. Laurie was asked to check on the reasons for the denial.

The Board reviewed a letter from the VT Dept. of Taxes stating that the 2011 Coefficient of Dispersion for the Town will be 15.33% (an increase from last year's COD of 12.85%).

Correspondence for review included: FY 2012 budget information from Windham Solid Waste Management District and Rescue, Inc.'s 4th Quarter report.

Zeke moved to accept (with regret) Bob Sherwood's resignation from the Energy Committee. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Zeke will represent the Board at the tax sale on January 12th at 9am.

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

There was no update on the pending sale of the former regional library building.

The Board reviewed the updated VEM BEOP. Greg moved to change #3 on Page 1 to add "RENTS" to the notification system. Tom seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Wayne moved to approve the plan as changed; Greg seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

The new woodstove is scheduled to be installed on January 5th. Shorty Forrett has submitted a bid of \$175; it was the only bid received. On a motion by Wayne and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to award the bid to Shorty.

The Board reviewed the draft FY 2012 line-by-line. Lee will be invited to next week's meeting to further discuss the highway budget and the capital budget plan. Before the Board began to discuss wages, Laurie was excused from the meeting and left the building.

The Board approved the following wage increases for FY 2012: Town Clerk, Listers, Zoning Administrator – 3.5%; Town Treasurer/Selectboard Assistant – 5.0%; Road Foreman – 5%; Road Crew – 4.0% each with an additional 1% to be allocated by the Road Foreman based on merit.

The Board will hold its next budget work session on Wednesday, January 5th beginning at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Approved

Andrew MacFarland, Chair

Wayne Emery, Clerk

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