

# UNAPPROVED

## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

May 4, 2011

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

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Greg Brown, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday, Lewis White

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Terry Chapman, Steve Glabach, Stan Howe, Jean Newell, Mark Whitaker, Laurie Frechette, Dewey Lanksford (at 8:10pm)

On a motion from Lewis and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from April 20th and the payment of Warrants 22, 22P & RB-7.

Bruce Pollock from the American Red Cross was not available to attend the meeting.

The Board recognized Steve Glabach, the Chair of the RT 5/30 Committee, who updated the Board on the Committee's progress to date. The first two information-gathering sessions were quite successful; the meeting to discuss the RT 30 corridor is Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Community Center. The committee hopes to have their report ready by September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Steve has been told that the Windham Regional Commission has spent eleven hours so far on the corridors project but has not been able to get an explanation of what has been done. Greg will follow up with the WRC to get a detailed explanation.

The Board recognized Smokey Howe from the Energy Committee who spoke about the Municipal Streetlight Initiative through Efficiency VT. He went through the list of steps needed for completion and distributed handouts with details about the current streetlights in town. On a motion by Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Efficiency VT application.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to award the roadside mowing bid for the upcoming summer to Orchitt Mowing in the amount of \$5037.50.

Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin presented his report. It was agreed that the Board will conduct their annual visit to the Carpenter Gravel Pit at 6pm on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> prior to their regular meeting.

Tom reported that the engineering plans for the Covered Bridge wingwall project are with the State's reviewing agency and may be there for awhile. Since construction may be delayed until early September, Bill will check with the school on the busing situation and will report back to the Board at the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Tom reported that recent boring samples have indicated that there are at least 500,000 yards of gravel in the Renaud Gravel Pit.

The Board reviewed a letter to Ken Carpenter regarding the scheduled cost-of-living increase in the price paid by the town for gravel and sand. This 7-cent increase will bring the per ton price of each to \$2.78. On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize Tom's signing of the letter.

The Board recognized Mark Whitaker who took the Board to task for the use of Skype at the last meeting. Discussion ensued about open government and its perception.

At 8:35pm, Lewis moved to recess the Selectboard meeting and immediately convene as the Liquor Commission. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Tom called the Liquor Commission to order at 8:36pm and recognized Dewey Lanksford from the Colonel's Cabin. The VT Liquor Control Department advised Mr. Lanksford on May 2<sup>nd</sup> that the 2011 Liquor License which they had approved a few months ago, was not properly issued and was no longer in effect. The license needed to be reissued in his name, not under the "Estate of Carrie Ann Plansker, Dewey Lanksford Executor". After Commission members reminded Mr. Lanksford about the outstanding zoning violation and delinquent taxes on this property, Lewis moved to approve the new/revised application. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Mr. Lanksford also reported that he had listed the property for sale today with Berkeley & Veller.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to waive the \$100 application fee to the Town.

At 8:46pm, the Liquor Commission was adjourned and the Selectboard immediately reconvened.

The Board reviewed an email from Ed Anthes regarding Dutton Pines State Park.

A letter was received from the George D. Aiken RC&DC regarding the dissolution of its southern VT office.

A request was received from the Windham Housing Trust to include an insert with our tax bills. The decision was left up to Tax Collector, Pam McFadden.

The Board reviewed Reg Rockefeller's letter of resignation, effective June 9, 2011, from the Planning Commission and the Zoning Bylaw Committee. Zeke moved to accept her resignation with reluctance. Greg reluctantly seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

Laurie was asked to have the vacancies posted on the town's website, along with one vacancy on the Conservation Commission and openings on the Recreation Board.

Greg reported that representatives from the Learning Collaborative and our Town Attorney will attend the May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss the purchase and sales agreement and the payment in lieu of taxes agreement for the former regional library building.

Zeke reported that the State Police have spoken with the person who has been living in the barn at 270 West Street and advised him that he is trespassing and can no longer stay there. He has stated that he will be out within the next week.

Jean Newell requested that the Board send a letter to Tom Radzevich, the owner of 270 West Street, asking him to have the rubbish cleared off from his property.

Lewis moved to appoint Larry Lynch as the Assistant Emergency Management Director for one year. Zeke seconded the motion and offered a friendly amendment to set the compensation at \$16,000 for the EMD and \$4000 for the Assistant EMD. Lewis accepted the friendly amendment and the motion passed 5-0.

Lewis moved to pay Dawn Hubbard \$3000 and Larry Lynch \$2000 for the final EMD stipends for FY 2011. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm.

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Tom Bodett, Chair

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Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant