

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

July 13, 2011

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

Members Present: Vice-Chair Lewis White, Greg Brown, Zeke Goodband

Not Present: Tom Bodett, Bill Holiday

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Beverly Knapp, Pam McFadden, Jean & Harold Newell, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 3-0 to approve the meeting minutes from June 29th and July 6th, as well as the payment of Warrants 1, 1P & CC-1.

The Board invited Town Listers Beverly Knapp and Jean Newell to the table, along with Town Clerk/Tax Collector Pam McFadden to discuss a memo from the VT Dept. of Taxes regarding penalties for late-filed Homestead Declarations. Jean and Beverly spoke of their reasons for flagging unfiled taxpayers on the Listers' computer system, although it is not the State Tax Department's approved procedure. The State Legislature voted this past session to increase the late filing penalty from 1% to 8%. Pam asked the Board to consider waiving the 8% penalty for taxpayers who were flagged in this office. Greg and Zeke spoke of their concern that proper procedures will be followed in the future. Lewis requested that the proper procedures be worked out within the office. On a motion by Greg and second by Lewis, the Board voted 3-0 to table any decision until the July 27th meeting, when the full Board may be present.

The Board reviewed a Certificate of Amendment to the 2011 Grand List (dated July 7, 2011). After a brief discussion, with explanation from Beverly, Zeke moved to sign the document. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 3-0.

An email from David Tansey regarding the perceived widening of Kipling Road was reviewed and discussed with Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin. Lee explained that the ditches are now cleaned at least annually; he doesn't feel that the actual road has been widened. Zeke expressed his feeling that the road is now a bit wider; the telephone poles are now closer to the road.

The Board reviewed another email from David Tansey regarding the recent roadside mowing of Kipling Road. The entire Board and Lee agreed that it was unfortunate that the day lilies were cut down and suggested that a "No Mowing" sign be posted by Mr. Tansey in the appropriate areas.

Lee reported on his recent conversation with Mike Renaud, who advised they were waiting for State approval to continue work on the Green Iron Bridge. Once approval is received, work should be complete and the bridge reopened within six to eight weeks.

The Stickney Brook Road project is scheduled to begin during the first week of August.

There were no updates on either the Renaud Gravel Pit or the Covered Bridge Wingwall Project.

Correspondence for Information included: emails from Cindy Wilcox re: Special Events Bylaw; July 2011 *VLCT News*; Wastewater System Permit WW228761 for Richard McPhail on Hill Road; quarterly update from Rescue, Inc.; email from Diana Lischer-Goodband re: new SCA Energy Intern; thank-you letter from Windham County Humane Society; application for Certificate of

Public Good for Interconnected Net Metered Power Systems for Orly Munzing & Robert Dunbar on Partridge Road; quarterly report from Zoning Administrator; Info re: FY2012 Municipal Planning Grant process.

The Board discussed the ratification of terms for the newly appointed Planning Commissioners. On a move by Zeke and second from Greg, the Board voted 3-0 to ratify the terms as follows:

Richard Cogliano	to serve the remaining 1 year of a 4-year term (term to expire 2012)
Annamarie Pluhar	4 year term (to expire 2015)
Bill Schmidt	4 year term (to expire 2015)

On a motion by Greg and second from Zeke, the Board voted 3-0 to sign the annual Letter of Agreement for Computer Appraisal Services with the State Tax Dept.

Greg spoke to the Board about his recent conversation with State Senator Jeannette White regarding the pending sale of the former Regional Library Building. She wants to set up an informal meeting with representatives from the Selectboard and the Learning Collaborative's Board of Trustees to get the process back on track.

The Planning Commission is sponsoring a public informational session on Monday, July 18th at 7PM on proposed changes to the Home Enterprise section of the Zoning Bylaw. This meeting will be held at the Grange in Dummerston Center. They are also sponsoring a similar session on the proposed addition of a Special Events section of the Zoning Bylaw on Monday, July 25th..Time and location TBA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Vice-Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant