

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

August 24, 2011

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

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

Also Present: Lee Chamberlin, Sheriff Keith Clark, Sam Farwell, Smokey Howe, Jean Newell, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Lewis and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes from August 10th, as well as the payment of Warrants 4, 4P and CF2.

The Board recognized Windham County Sheriff, Keith Clark, who spoke about his proposal to provide animal control services to county towns. The Board will add the "Discussion of Animal Ordinance" to their next meeting agenda.

The Board recognized Smokey Howe and Sam Farwell from the Energy Committee. They presented information on their municipal street lighting project. The first step in this project is their recommendation for the elimination of seven of the twenty seven street lights around town. Letters will be sent to the neighboring landowners and an informational meeting will be held at 6:30pm on September 21st at the Community Center in West Dummerston.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. After Sunday's severe thunderstorm, 15-16 roads were closed by downed trees, which have since been reopened. He is meeting with the Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director tomorrow to plan for the possible upcoming hurricane.

The Town will be receiving a large repair bill of approximately \$9200 for the 2009 Ford due to water in the gas tank.

The Stickney Brook Road project is nearly complete.

The lease agreement for the Renaud Gravel Pit has been reviewed by Town Atty. Jodi French, who recommended a few changes. Tom will send these to Chris Ryan and Mike Renaud for their review. A special combined Selectboards meeting may be held in the next two weeks to sign the agreement.

There was no update on the Covered Bridge Wingwall project.

Tom will contact Chris Ryan to ask about having Stevens & Assoc. work on the renewal of the MSGP permit for the Carpenter Gravel Pit.

The Board discussed the perceived speeding issue in the hollow on Bunker Road. The Sheriff's Dept. has been monitoring that area on a more regular basis.

The Board reviewed the letter to be sent to Commissioner Obuchowski endorsing the sale of the former Regional Library property to the Learning Collaborative. Lewis moved and Greg seconded to sign the letter; a lengthy discussion ensued. Zeke called for a roll call vote; the results were:
Yes - Tom, Lewis, Bill, Greg No - Zeke

Correspondence for Information included: Act 250 Application for Amendment of Permit #2W1104 for the Meadows Estate.

The Board reviewed emails from Tom Bertone and Kelly McCue expressing interest in serving on the Social Services Advisory Committee. The Board will conduct interviews with the two candidates at 6:30pm on September 7th, prior to their regular meeting. Jean Newell and Gail Sorenson will be invited to participate in the interviews.

A letter was received from Susan Daigler urging the Selectboard to continue their pursuance of Arthur Phaneuf's dog issues.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire for Exit 4 Sunoco on RT 5.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:26pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant