

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 19, 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, Zeke Goodband , Bill Holiday,

Not Present: Lewis White

Also Present: Rick Davis, Beverly Knapp, Steve Mindel (at 8:30), Paul Normandeau, Dan Snow (at 7:07), Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to sign the meeting minutes from October 5 & 10 and approve the payment of Warrants 8, 8P, CF4 and CC1.

The Board recognized Town Lister, Beverly Knapp who gave an explanation of the Personal Property Tax (PPT) that is charged to businesses in town. This tax applies to equipment, not inventory; vehicles cannot be assessed. Currently nearly \$6000 is raised through this tax. Any repeal of the (PPT) must be voted on at Town Meeting. Greg will contact VLCT to get the parameters for applying the PPT fairly throughout town and/or repealing the tax.

The Board recognized Dan Snow, who was present as a member of the Stone Trust. He requested permission to rebuild broken-down stone walls on Town property, i.e. Prospect Hill Trail. The Board will invite the rest of the Prospect Hill trustees to a meeting in the near future to discuss this proposal.

The Board invited Emergency Management Director, Rick Davis to the table to discuss their concerns with the Radiological Emergency Response Plan (RERP). One concern was the proposed evacuation route which calls for residents on the west side of town to drive over to RT 5 and proceed north rather than driving up RT 30. Another was changing "route alerting" to a secondary form of notification, with the Reverse 9-1-1 phone system being the primary. Rick will bring all the suggested changes to VT Emergency Management and report back to the Board.

The FY 2013 Emergency Management budget meeting is scheduled for October 27th. As all Board members present are planning to attend the Planning Commission's Zoning Bylaw Hearing, Laurie was asked to contact Lewis to see if he will accompany Rick to this meeting.

Tom spoke to the Board about the VT State Nuclear Advisory Panel meeting being held this evening in Vernon. All Selectboard Chairs in the EPZ were invited to speak at this meeting. Since Tom was unable to attend, he will send the Board's comments in writing.

The Board recognized Paul Normandeau, who asked if the Board is planning any type of ceremony to celebrate the re-opening of the Green Iron Bridge. Everyone agreed that it's a great idea and Paul agreed to help organize the event.

Paul then asked the Board if they plan to participate in the Act 250 hearing for Sandri Realty and urged them to do so. The Selectboard discussed and concluded that the Board has no position on the matter and that Dummerston's current zoning, along with the Town Plan clearly state the town's adopted policies and they will leave it up to the DRB and the ANR to decide whether or not those requirements are met with this application.

Steve Mindel joined the meeting at 8:35pm and requested permission for the Green Mountain Mummies to perform on the Town Common on October 30th at noon. On a motion by Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to grant his request.

Correspondence for Information included: updates from Windham Regional Commission on storm damage & FEMA progress; 10/12 email from Kelly Carlin re: 10/29 planned wedding at Scott Farm; emails re: Energy Committee's \$500 grant award from Go VT; emails re: Sandri renovations at Exit 4 Sunoco.

The Board reviewed a price quote of \$160 from Brett Castine for tree/brush removal at Bennett and Cemetery Road cemeteries. On a motion by Bill and second by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to accept this quote.

The Board reviewed a request for Personnel Policy updates. This topic will be revisited at budget time.

On a motion by Greg and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to grant a request from Habitat for Humanity to waive the \$150 building permit fee.

The Board briefly reviewed the VLCT Insurance Renewal Application.

The Board reviewed the upcoming FY 2013 budget schedule.

Greg reported that the Housing Advisory Commission will now meet quarterly instead of monthly. He has stepped down as Chair but wishes to continue as a Commission member.

Tom briefly updated the Board on the storm damage at 230 Bunker Road. Lee will have more to report at the November 2nd meeting.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 9:05pm and reconvene as the Liquor Commission.

The Commission reviewed Catering License requests from Flat Street Brew Pub for a benefit dinner at the Walker Farm on October 22nd and from Windham Wines for a wedding at the Scott Farm on October 29th. On a motion by Bill and second from Greg, the Commission voted 4-0 to approve both requests.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant