

## **SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

**December 14, 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, Lewis White

Absent: Bill Holiday

Also Present: Brenda Davis, Lori Miller, Anne Montgomery (at 7:30pm), Jean & Harold Newell, David Patriquin, Gail Sorenson, Beverly Tier, Mark Whitaker, Melissa Worden and Laurie Frechette

Lewis moved, with a second from Zeke, to approve the minutes from November 30th and December 6th and payment of Warrants 12, 12P and EC3. The motion passed 4-0.

The Board agreed to take a tour of the Town's roads on Saturday, December 17th at noon.

Tom reported on last night's meeting with the neighbors of the proposed Renaud gravel pit and other interested parties. All Board members were asked to send him their notes to be compiled into a single list, which he will bring to the December 21st budget work session. The Board agreed that they would all like to visit the properties in Poplar Commons adjacent to the Renaud property and will be contacting the property owners after the holidays.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Tom to send a brief note to the above neighbors to thank them for attending last night's informational meeting and letting them know that more information is forthcoming.

The Board recognized David Patriquin and Lori Miller, Trustees of the Lydia Taft Pratt Library, along with Librarian, Melissa Worden. The proposed library budget for FY 2013 was presented. The Trustees are requesting \$8000 from the Town for the ensuing year (an increase of \$1000 from the current year). The Board advised that they are attempting to level-fund the budget, but will keep their request in mind. The Board thanked them all for their continued good work.

The Board discussed reported road alterations along a Kipling Road property. A letter from Andrew MacFarland (former Board Chair) dated December 6, 2010 to the resident regarding this issue was reviewed. A motion was made by Greg to ask Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin to repair the road to the extent necessary and to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the resident, along with an invoice from the Town for the cost of the repairs. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board discussed the Planning Commission's recently created Scenic Roads Committee. Greg moved to authorize the Chair to send a letter to the Planning Commission requesting that they work on the priority projects, i.e. zoning bylaw. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board recognized Anne Montgomery, who spoke about the littering problem along town roads and possible solutions to that problem. It was agreed that the Town will try to get the green garbage bags used on Green Up Day and have them available in the Town Office for concerned residents to pick up. The Highway crew will pick up filled bags that are left on the side of the road (after being called).

Ms. Montgomery also spoke of her concerns about stray cats in town. As Animal Control Officer, Zeke explained the Humane Society's procedures and the costs associated with them.

The Board reviewed an email from Beverly Tier regarding traffic and road safety.

Other correspondence for information included: Wastewater System Permit #WW24098 for Sam & Laurie Garland on Carpenter Road; copy of 12/6/11 letter from Selectboard to Chair of RT 5/30 Committee; December 2011 *VLCT News*; update from Smokey Howe re: light repair/replacement in Covered Bridge; 12/6/11 letter from David Tansey to Planning Commission re: Kipling Road.

The Board reviewed a letter from Pat Jaquith, resigning from the Conservation Commission and the Development Review Board, effective March 2012. Zeke moved to accept her resignation with regret. Greg seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Greg agreed to respond the request from Heidi Fischer to contact our Senators and Representative regarding the proposed cuts to Medicare reimbursements to ambulance services.

On a motion by Zeke and second from Greg, the Board voted 4-0 (with enthusiasm) to reappoint Charlotte Annis as Zoning Administrator for a three-year term.

On a motion by Zeke and second by Lewis, the Board voted 4-0 to sign the resolution of termination of the health reimbursement arrangement.

On a motion by Lewis and second by Greg, the Board voted 4-0 to sign a Certificate of Change to the 2011 Grand List.

Mark Whitaker questioned the wording of the November 30th and the "disbandment of the RT 5/30 Committee". The Board agreed that the committee has not been disbanded at this time; they requested a report by the end of January and will make a determination after that.

An email was received from Hugh Worden expressing an interest in serving on the Development Review Board. Laurie was asked to invite him to an interview on December 28th at 6:45pm, prior to the regular meeting.

The Board will hold its next budget work session on December 21st at 7pm.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 8:45pm.

January 11, 2012  
Approved

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Tom Bodett, Chair

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Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant