

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

January 25, 2012

This meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Bodett at 7:00pm in the downstairs of the Congregational Church in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Merrill & Ruth Barton, Jesse Bristol, Paul & Terry Chapman, Brenda Davis, Lester Dunklee, Chad Farnum, Deb Forrett, Chris Garofolo from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Maria & Steve Glabach, Eva Greene, Emilia & George Houghton, Nelson Jillson, Beverly Kenney, Kevin Koski, Andrew MacFarland, Carolyn Mayo-Brown, Read Miller, Dan Normandeau, Annamarie Pluhar, Rita Ramirez, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Claudia Teachman-Blocher, Bill Schmidt, Beverly & Dennis Tier, Jeff Unsicker, Mark Whitaker, Kelly, Mace & David Wicker, Cindy Wilcox, and Laurie Frechette

Lewis moved, with a second from Zeke, to approve the minutes from January 11th and payment of Warrants 15 and 15P. The motion passed 5-0.

Discussion began on the final reports from the RT 5/30 Corridor Committee. Tom reviewed the history of the planning/zoning process, the inception of the committee and the original charge from the Selectboard.

The Committee submitted two separate reports; one approved by the majority of committee members (Steve Glabach, Jack Manix, Beverly Tier & Mark Whitaker), and one submitted by Greg Brown, Bill Schmidt & Lew Sorenson. Bill spoke of the commonality of both reports. Several committee members spoke about the reports and the process they went through to come to their conclusions. Steve will submit the supporting data from the Conservation Commission and the Housing Advisory Commission for the "majority" report. He also spoke about the hard work done by the entire committee.

Mark Whitaker stated for the record that many RT 5 landowners came to the February & April 2011 meetings and expressed their support for the current zoning districts. He also questioned whether the Selectboard requested the "minority" report. The answer was yes.

Bill Schmidt gave an explanation of the agricultural overlay concept. Comments were taken from Read Miller, Beverly Kenney, Jesse Bristol and Claudia Teachman-Blocher.

Tom updated the Board on the Renaud Gravel Pit project. Five unequivocal artifacts have been found; more excavation needs to be done. Act 250 specialist, April Hensel, advised that the noise reports need to include drilling and blasting. The report also needs to include view aesthetics from I91.

The Conservation Commission is sponsoring a presentation on "Reducing Flood Hazards" on January 26th at 7pm at the Community Center. Bill agreed to represent the Board.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Greg, the Board voted 5-0 to use the \$9326.16 FY2011 surplus in the Highway Fund to offset taxes.

Discussion on the Facilities Use/Rental Policy/Agreement was tabled until the February 8th meeting.

Greg moved to schedule a public hearing on the proposed Zoning Bylaw changes on Wednesday, April 4th at 6:30pm at the Town Office. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion from Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the 2012 Town Meeting Warning as presented.

Ruth Barton and Nelson Jillson expressed their displeasure with the Board's new reappointment policy.

Ruth reminded the Selectboard of the BUHS Annual Meeting on February 14th at 7pm.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 9:47pm.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant