

UNAPPROVED

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2012

Board members present: Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday, Lewis White

Not present: Tom Bodett

This meeting was called to order at 5:45pm at the Evening Star Grange in Dummerston, Vermont.

Steve immediately moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a pending legal matter. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board ended the Executive Session at 5:59pm with no decisions being made, and reconvened the regular meeting.

The following people then joined the meeting: Ed Anthes, Ruth Barton, Lee Chamberlin, Mary Ellen Copeland, Janice Duke, Tim Morton, Jean & Harold Newell, Jody & Paul Normandeau, David Patriquin, Ethan Phelps, Gail Sorenson, Mark Whitaker, Cindy Wilcox, Melissa & Hugh Worden, Laurie Frechette

On a motion from Zeke and second by Steve, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the minutes of September 19th (Lewis abstained).

On a motion by Zeke and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 (Steve abstained) to pay Warrants 7, 7P and RB2.

Gail Sorenson displayed the T-shirt that will be on sale to benefit the Historical Society.

The Board recognized Tim Morton and Ethan Phelps from the VT Dept. of Parks & Recreation, who spoke about the State's plan for the Dutton Pines State Park on RT 5. Questions and comments were heard from Paul & Jody Normandeau, Ed Anthes, Ruth Barton, Cindy Wilcox, and Board members. Tim clarified that the State is not actively looking to divest itself of this property but is open to another similar entity (like the Town) to take it over. They will continue to do minimal care.

Ed Anthes acknowledged that Tim, Ethan and their department have been very helpful and open in their dealings and offered to act as the Town's liaison with them.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Community Center's Board of Trustees regarding rent/compensation from the Lydia Taft Pratt Library. David Patriquin, the Chair Library's Board of Trustees joined the conversation. It was agreed that he would go back and talk with Jean Momaney to work out an agreement between the two boards to make up the past several years rent and to clarify this year's rental amount.

Jody Normandeau spoke of the possibility of making arrangements with Putney and/or Brattleboro to use their libraries instead of having our own Town library. This was not a popular suggestion to many in the audience.

Jean Newell spoke as a Town Auditor of her concerns that the Library's accounting procedures had not been audited in several years. This will no longer be the case, as the Town Treasurer is now handling the Library's finances, with the approval of the Board of Trustees.

The Board reviewed an invoice from the Windham County Humane Society for \$210.00. Zeke moved to authorize payment of this invoice; Steve seconded the motion. It passed 4-0.

Jody Normandeau asked about "the dogs running all over town". Zeke responded that they are still not licensed.

Correspondence for information included: an invitation to Windham Regional Commission's "Southern VT Rivers Conference" on 10/16 in Wilmington; 9/10 letter from Integrated Solar to Public Service Board re: amendment to Cheryl Wilfong's approved application for solar panel system on Partridge Road; 9/18 letter from Knight Consulting Engineers, Inc.; 9/25 Selectboard report for fall issue of *Views of Dummerston*, quarterly report from Zoning Administrator.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. The Board reviewed a curb cut permit request from Steve Glabach/James Wilmott at 433 Middle Road. Zeke moved to approve the request; Bill seconded the motion. It passed 3-0 (Steve abstained).

The cable in the river under the covered bridge wouldn't come loose while being pulled by the backhoe. He recommends leaving it as is.

The estimated price of painting white lines along both sides of road is \$380 per mile.

The road crew will be painting parking grid lines in the Congregational Church/Town Hall parking lot.

The Board gave their approval for the Nature Conservancy to buy rip-rap & have the Town highway crew place it along an eroding part of Quarry Rd.

A letter dated 9/20/12 from John Warren expressing his concerns about quarrying bedrock in the proposed Renaud Gravel Pit was reviewed, along with Tom Bodett's response dated 9/26/12.

Steve left the meeting at 7:10pm.

The Board reviewed an email from Blake Lamothe regarding the proposed rail passenger service from New London, CT to St. Albans, VT. Bill moved to write a letter of support for the proposed rail service. Zeke seconded the motion; it passed 3-0. Bill offered to write the letter and will circulate it.

The Board reviewed Kelly McCue's letter of resignation from the Social Services Advisory Committee. Zeke moved to accept Kelly's resignation with regret. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 3-0. Laurie was asked to write a letter of thanks.

Letters of interest were received from John Sommer, Susan Leuchter, and Bill Pelz-Walsh to serve on the Social Services Advisory Committee. Bill moved to appoint them; Zeke seconded the motion. It passed 3-0.

Bill updated the Board on the work of the Ancient Roads Committee. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 17th at 4:30pm at the Town Office. Jody Normandeau expressed her wish that the Board not give up any roads.

Zeke moved to allow handicapped parking on the Town Common during the 2012 Apple Pie Festival. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 3-0.

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With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Vice-Chair

Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant