

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 12, 2012

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Lewis White at 6pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Tom Bodett, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday, Lewis White

Also present: Terry Chapman, Rita Ramirez, John Sommer, Gail Sorenson, Hugh Worden, Rich Melanson from *BCTV*

Tom moved to approve the minutes of November 28 and December 6, along with the payment of Warrants 12 and 12P; Zeke seconded the motion. Steve offered a friendly amendment to insert the following in the November 28th minutes: "This decision is conditional on the Learning Collaborative receiving tax exempt status from the Dummerston Listers and the State of Vermont". Steve thanked Paul Normandeau for pointing out the need for the addition to the minutes. The amendment was accepted and the motion passed 5-0.

The Board recognized Rita Ramirez and Gail Sorenson from the Social Services Advisory Committee, who reported that the committee recommends "level funding" that portion of the budget, with some areas increased and others decreased. John Sommer later joined the group. The committee described Dummerston as being "at the bottom of the list" with its annual contribution to social service agencies.

The Board recognized Terry Chapman and Hugh Worden from the Cemetery Committee, who presented their budget request of \$6000 (\$4000 for the expansion of the Wilder Cemetery and \$2000 for mowing costs. They reported that only the Taft Cemetery has spaces remaining for sale.

On a motion by Tom and second by Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a Curb Cut Permit near 966 Kipling Road.

Tom reported that the Windham Regional Commission has "signed off" on the proposed Renaud Gravel Pit and are not going to testify at the upcoming Act 250 hearing.

Correspondence for information included: December 2012 *VLCT News*; 12/3 Notice of zoning violation for Jack Hutchins on East-West Road; 12/5 Notice from VT ANR for proposed new well on Rice Farm Road.

The Board reviewed an email from Dinah Reed at WRC regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Town Treasurer Laurie Frechette was lauded for her efforts, but was ill and not in attendance to report.

The Board reviewed a notice of the VT Tree Steward Award for the Dummerston Conservation Commission. Tom offered to write a congratulatory letter from the Selectboard. Bill suggested that the Selectboard could do more to recognize local citizens who are rendering outstanding service to the Town of Dummerston.

On a motion by Steve and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to sign the final paperwork for the High Risk Rural Roads grant.

The Board reviewed a letter from Cindy Wilcox requesting to not be reappointed to the Development Review Board in March. Zeke suggested that people send requests for the DRB position to Laurie as positions fill quickly.

On a motion by Tom and second by Zeke, the Board voted 5-0 to allow the Planning Development Grant to be signed electronically.

Tom brought up a letter from Town Atty. Bob Fisher regarding the Learning Collaborative for review and authorization to send it to the Collaborative's attorney, Fletcher Proctor. A lengthy discussion ensued with Steve expressing concern that the agreement not be "in perpetuity", explaining that there should be a review process. The decision has not been made by the State as to the tax-exempt status of the Collaborative. Lewis agreed to contact Atty. Fisher about some language modifications in the letter.

Lewis suggested that all Board members review the lease agreement with the Community Center and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

On a motion by Tom and second from Steve, the Board voted 5-0 to sign Certificates of Change in the 2012 Grand List.

Bill reported on the Ancient Roads Committee's work. He offered two areas of concern: converting all current Class 4 roads to trails, as suggested by Road Foreman Lee Chamberlin, and trails that no longer exist on the current map of Dummerston. Does Dummerston want to include the 'ancient trails' on the map it submits to the State upon completion of the Ancient Roads Committee work? Tom suggested mapping them. Steve agreed to review the legal stipulations. Bill offered to write a summary of the committee's work for the *Views* and seek public input. Lewis reminded everyone that there will have to be public hearings before any changes can be made to the Town's roads and trails.

The Board continued to work on the FY 2014 budget.

With no other business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was accepted at 7:55pm.

Approved

Lewis White, Chair

Zeke Goodband, Vice-Chair

Submitted by: Bill Holiday, Clerk