

# UNAPPROVED

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2013

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Zeke Goodband at 6:00pm at the Town Offices in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Joe Cook, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Bill Holiday, Lewis White

Also present: BCTV, Lee Chamberlin, Mike Faher from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, Sam Farwell (at 6:25), Laurie Frechette, Kelly McCue, Pam McFadden (at 6:39), Jody Normandeau, Gail & Lew Sorenson, Claudia Teachman, Roger Turner

On a motion by Joe and second by Bill, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the meeting minutes of October 2nd.

On a motion by Bill and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 8, 8P & Energy Committee Fund 4. At Lewis' request, Steve (as the Board's liaison) will contact the Sheriff to request a more equal distribution of coverage hours per month.

The Board recognized Lew Sorenson and Roger Turner, Dummerston's representatives to the Windham Regional Commission, who reported on the Commission's recent activities. Bridges 29 and 36 on the East-West Road are hopefully being placed on the "fast track" for repair and/or replacement.

Lew spoke about the I-91 bridge replacement and the increased traffic this will cause on several roads in Dummerston. He urged the Selectboard to request additional coverage from the Sheriff's Dept. when RT 30 is shut down.

Windham Regional is aware of a widespread need for Planning Commission and Development Review Board trainings. They are willing to organize these training sessions.

The Board thanked Roger and Lew for their hard work representing the Town on the WRC.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin presented his report. He and the Board reviewed Kelly McCue's email regarding the noise level at the Poplar Commons from the Renaud Gravel Pit. Both Kelly and Claudia Teachman spoke about the incessant noise from the equipment back-up alarms. Kelly requested that the Towns be in compliance with the Act 250 noise restrictions no later than November 1st. She will now act as the liaison for Poplar Commons and will email any concerns to Laurie at the Town Office.

Lee reported that the gravel crushing for this season has been completed. The leaf blower on the new mower/blower is working great.

The Board recognized Planning Commission Chair, Sam Farwell, who spoke about the proposed changes to the Town Plan. He suggested that if the Selectboard is planning to make any additional changes, they do so before holding a Public Hearing.

The Planning Commission will be addressing the Selectboard's request to change the zoning bylaw section requiring a member of the Planning Commission to be on the Development Review Board or vice-versa.

Correspondence for information included: Zoning Administrator's Quarterly Report; Letter from ANR re: replacement of failed wastewater system at 1107 RT 5; Act 250 correspondence for Allard Lumber; email from Beverly Tier re: Windham Land Trust and farm preservation (Zeke will refer her to the Farmland Protection Committee or the Land Trust).

On a motion from Lewis (seconded by Bill), the Board voted 5-0 to accept with regret Bill Schmidt's resignation from the Planning Commission. Laurie was asked to post the vacancy.

On a motion from Lewis (seconded by Bill), the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Jane Sbardella to the Social Services Advisory Committee.

Bill agreed to contact VLCT regarding the large increases in some property valuations for the property insurance renewals.

Steve moved to accept the Budget Meeting schedule as presented; change the November 27th meeting to Tuesday, November 26th, and to cancel the December 25th meeting. Lewis seconded the motion; it passed 5-0.

On a motion by Bill (seconded by Steve), the Board voted 5-0 to reappoint Mark Brown as the 2014 Green Up Day Coordinator.

Under Other Business, Lewis talked about the expenditures of the Recreation Board exceeding the amount approved at the last meeting. Zeke will contact Sarah Evans about this matter.

At 7:35pm, Steve moved to enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter and a legal matter. Joe seconded the motion; it passed 5-0. Pam McFadden and Laurie Frechette were invited to stay for this session.

Executive Session ended at ?????? with no decisions being made.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at ????.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant