

# UNAPPROVED

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 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

Not present: Lewis White

Also present: BCTV, Smokey Howe, Cindy Jerome, Pam McFadden, Sara Ryan, John Sommer, Jerelyn Wilson

On a motion by Joe and second by Steve, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of November 26th & December 4th.

On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 12, 12P, Recreation Board #4 and Energy Committee #6.

The Board recognized Cindy Jerome, Sara Ryan and John Sommer from the Social Services Advisory Committee, who recommended level-funding the budget for the next fiscal year. They pointed out that Dummerston's funding for social services is considerably below that of surrounding towns.

The Board recognized Smokey Howe from the Energy Committee, who proposed comprehensive changes to the outside lighting system at the Town Office, Historical Society, Voting Booth/Church complex.

State Representative, Mike Mrowicki updated the Board on activities in the State Legislature. Among the agenda topics were: VT economy back to 2008-09 revenues; federal mandates; growing population of disabled, including college costs for disabled; federal sequestration; health care reform; mental health care services being disseminated around the state; consolidation of schools/school districts; road/bridge infrastructure, revenues failing due to Vermonters driving less/using less fuel; current use; internet connectivity (Governor is saying we have 99% coverage). Representative Mrowicki said, "This part of Windham County has been one of the most difficult to get those last miles hooked up." Cell towers and health ramifications ; metered wireless service; solar energy.

Correspondence for information included: more Act 250 information for Allard Lumber on Old Ferry Road; information on upcoming annual county budget meeting.

Three proposed changes to the zoning bylaw were submitted by Planning Commission Chair, Sam Farwell. Steve moved to add these changes to the public hearing scheduled for January 8th, along with the proposed corridor changes to the Town Plan. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

The Board continued work on the FY 2015 budget. Joe brought up the audit costs and considered it "good practice" to continue this and budget accordingly. The results of this year's audit are due soon.

Steve advocated for better enforcement of Dummerston's speed limits and more funds for the Sheriff's Department by "a couple of thousand dollars".

Joe spoke of health insurance costs listed under Selectboard expenses when the benefits are not for Selectboard members.

Steve spoke of Workers Compensation listings for the Fire Department.

On a motion from Joe and second by Bill, the Board voted 4-0 to authorize Zeke to sign the FY 2015 contract with Rescue, Inc.

Steve moved to authorize Zeke to sign the December 24th warrants for payment. . Joe seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

Steve moved to sign the Certificate of Compliance for the Town Roads & Bridge Standards. Bill seconded the motion; it passed 4-0.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.

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Approved

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Zeke Goodband, Chair

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Bill Holiday, Clerk

Submitted by: Bill Holiday, Clerk