

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 2, 2015

This meeting was called to order by Zeke Goodband at 6pm in the downstairs of the Congregational Church in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members present: Joe Cook, Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Gurudharm Khalsa, Jerelyn Wilson

Also present: Sam Farwell, Laurie Frechette, Rich Melanson from BCTV, Jody Normandeau (at 6:40pm)

As the first order of business, Zeke made the following additions to the agenda: payment of Capital Fund Warrant #2; Grant Agreement Documentation form from the State of VT.

On a motion by Jerelyn and second from Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the minutes from August 19th.

On a motion by Steve and second from Gurudharm, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 5, 5P and Capital Fund #2. Laurie brought to the Board's attention the electric bill for the Highway Dept. which shows a 50% +/- increase in kilowatt hours used over last year at the same time. This is the second consecutive month that this has occurred. With the Board's approval, Jerelyn will ask the Energy Committee to look into this situation.

Zeke gave a brief overview of the recent roads tour.

Correspondence for information included: 8/21 letter from ANR re: replacement of antiquated wastewater system at 265 East-West Road; notice of 9/15 DRB hearing for proposed sign replacement at 1535 Middle Road; notice of 9/30 VLCT "Preparing for Town Meeting" seminar; letter from Sigrid Pickering to Jason Cooper re: Friends of the West River Trail.

Laurie was asked to forward a letter from the Citizens for Property Rights from Underhill Center, VT re: GIS mapping to the Planning Commission.

The Board reviewed emails from Dick Virkstis regarding traffic monitoring/signage on East-West Road. Zeke will call Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission to ask for the results from the recent traffic counters.

Joe asked if a mobile speed-monitoring cart from the Sheriff's Dept. could be placed near Mr. Virkstis' residence for a brief period of time.

Steve reported on his recent conversation with Sgt. Mark Anderson from the Sheriff's Department regarding the coverage report for the month of July. The two hours of reported coverage was basically due to a lack of available personnel. Sgt. Anderson stated that the Town should receive more coverage hours in the months of August and September.

Zeke reported on the August 13th Emergency Management meeting held in Jamaica, VT.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin is looking into the problem of furniture and trash being left at the pull-off near the Johnson's Curve Road & Route 5 intersection.

The Board reviewed the new Grant Agreement Documentation form received from the State of Vermont. On a motion by Steve and second by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to appoint Laurie Frechette as the designated signer on these applications.

Zeke informed the Board of a meeting about the new VT Alert program on Sept. 8th at 7PM at the Town Office (upstairs in the EOC).

At 6:58pm, the Selectboard meeting was recessed to convene the Zoning Bylaw hearing.

The Selectboard meeting reconvened at 7:23pm. After some discussion, Steve moved to adopt the zoning bylaw changes are presented. Jerelyn seconded the motion; it passed 4-1. (Gurudharm voted no.)

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Gurudharm Khalsa, Clerk

Submitted by: Laurie Frechette, Selectboard Assistant