

UNAPPROVED

Selectboard Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

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

Members present: Steve Glabach, Zeke Goodband, Jerelyn Wilson, Hugh Worden, and Joe Cook.

Also present: BCTV, Lee Chamberlin, Brian Siano, Fred Cheney, Terry Chapman, and Paul Normandeau.

Zeke added Cemetery Fund #8 to the agenda under Agenda Item III., Review & Approve Bills for Payment.

On a motion by Steve and seconded by Jerelyn, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the meeting minutes of May 25th and 31st. Joe abstained.

On a motion by Steve and seconded by Joe, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the payment of Warrants 25, 25P, and Cemetery Fund #8.

Under the Road Foreman's Report, Lee reported that he had met with Marc Pickering of the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and that plans are proceeding with Ron Bell, the engineer for the Tucker Reed Road bridge. Paul Normandeau asked for the dimensions of the proposed bridge, and suggested that the Town consider a wooden deck on the concrete bridge.

The Selectboard opened bids for paving on Canoe Brook and Houghton Brook Roads. They were:

Bidder	Cost per ton	Number of tons
Lane Construction	\$61.94	1,120
Springfield Paving (EME)	59.90	1,100
Vermont Roadworks	65.89	1,014
Bazin Brothers	63.25	1,100

Lee will put the bids on a spreadsheet, and the Selectboard will choose the winning bid at its meeting on June 22nd.

The selectboard also opened bids for clearing the north side of Taft Cemetery. They were:

Bidder	Tree removal	Stump and brush	Finish and lawn	Total
Chris Bell	\$4,100	\$2,600	\$3,800	\$9,400
A.S. Clark	1,500	4,000	2,700	7,500
Travis Bristol	-0-	4,000	2,800	6,800
Zach Grover	1,800	4,000	2,300	8,100

Again, Lee will put the bids on a spreadsheet and make a recommendation to the Selectboard, which will choose the winning bid at its meeting on June 22nd.

The Selectboard reviewed Mary Ann Runge's request to withdraw \$2,270 from the Miller Fund for 11 partial camp scholarships for Green Mountain Camp and medical testing and swimming lessons for students. In all cases parents are paying a portion of the costs of these programs. Following a motion by Jerelyn that was seconded by Joe, the request was approved by a 5-0 vote. Jerelyn and Hugh will both be reviewing criteria for withdrawals from the Miller Fund.

The Selectboard discussed the Listers' recommendation to waive penalties for residents who file forms HS-122 after their due dates. Questions were raised concerning whether the Vermont Department of Taxes pursues residents who do not file those tax forms, and whether the Selectboard's decision to waive penalties last year had any effect on filings this year. Joe agreed to discuss this matter with Charlotte Annis. Following a motion by Joe that was seconded by Jerelyn, by a 4-1 vote the Selectboard decided to waive penalties for late filers once again this year.

On June 29th there will be a Special Town Meeting in the basement of the church in Dummerston Center to decide whether to vote by Australian ballot on the West Dummerston Fire Department's request to have the Town raise an amount not to exceed \$175,000 to help finance the construction of a new fire station in Dummerston Center. The matter will not be debated at that meeting.

Following a motion by Steve that was seconded by Joe, the Selectboard voted 5-0 to approve the \$11,760 contract with the Windham County Sheriff. That was the amount budgeted for the next fiscal year, and calls for an increase in hours patrolled each month from 18½ to 20.

The Selectboard discussed our use of electronic and written communication. We agreed that none of us individually speak for the Selectboard, and that the Selectboard should be copied on our e-mails so that our correspondence will be a matter of public record.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

Approved

Zeke Goodband, Chair

Joe Cook, Clerk

Submitted by: Joe Cook, Clerk