

SELECTBOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 11, 2002 7:00 PM

This meeting was called to order at 7 PM at the Town Office in Dummerston Center, Vermont. Members Present: Paul Normandeau, Chairman; Lester Dunklee, Clerk; Cindy Jerome. Also Present: Town Attorney Bob Fisher; Listers Beverly Knapp and Jean Newell; Lydia Taft Pratt Library Trustees Laurie Frechette and Paula Bristol; Librarian Susan Dunnington..

Town Attorney Bob Fisher spoke to the Selectboard and Listers reviewing information regarding appraised values and sales. He stressed that properties that have sold not be visited just because of a high sales price and low appraised value. This can be considered "sales chasing". There should be another reason to visit these, such as information that improvements have been made; not on sale price alone. Bob did not indicate that the listers have been doing sales chasing per se, as the new appraisals have not even been close to the actual purchase price. He did caution that we should be very careful, as the courts may be concerned with this practice. Bob also approved the lister's correcting property cards where errors have been noted.

Librarian Susan Dunnington stated that the library has now met state guidelines and standards; they have also received a grant and children's books. Susan is now able to access books from other libraries and the library can apply for another grant in January, 2003. They proposed their budget for the coming year--\$9441. This year's budget is \$8,000; the extra \$1441 would allow them extra money for more books & programs.

Highway report: Wayne noted that they have been splitting wood, cleaning the garage and screening sand. More salt than usual has been used. Wayne also noted that the driveway area at the town garage will need to be paved at some point.

A motion was made and passed to sign the Dog Warrant. Paul has spoken with Kendall Gifford and it is very probable that the town will be accepted for the grant for the Community Center.

Meetings: Budget meeting December 16th. The Selectboard meet with Putney Selectboard and legislators on December 18 at 7 PM in Putney. Regular Selectboard meeting on Monday, December 23rd. This meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Approved _____

_____ Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

_____ Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp, Administrative Assistant

"T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING, NOT EVEN A MOUSE.....MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL AND TO ALL A GOODNIGHT"