SELECTBOARD MINUTES DECEMBER 23, 2002 7:00 P.M.

This meeting was called to order at 7 PM at the Town Office in Dummerston Center, Vermont.

Members Present: Paul Normandeau, Chairman; Shorty Forrett, Vice-Chairman; Lester Dunklee, Clerk; Jack Manix and Cindy Jerome.

Also Present: Lister Doug Hamilton, Dummerston Historical Society members Tom Johnson, Art Avery, Cindy and John Wilcox.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of December 11, 2002 and to pay Warrants 13 & 13P.

Doug Hamilton told the Board about the cost of a town wide reappraisal, using the town Listers and an outside consultant to do commercial/industrial parcels and the Marshall Swift program. Doug estimated the cost at \$70,854; this is based on \$65 per parcel. Doug also suggested buying a laptop computer at a cost of \$1400 to make the job easier. Reappraisal could start in 2004 and take about 3 years.

Tom Johnson, Cindy and John Wilcox and Art Avery asked the Board's approval for a special article at Town Meeting for \$2,000 toward the 250th anniversary celebration for the Town of Dummerston. Shorty made the motion and it was passed.

A motion was made and passed to purchase the Town's insurance from the Vermont League of Cities and Towns at a cost of \$19,999.

Lane Construction contacted Wayne to offer asphalt tailings from the old asphalt plant on Old Ferry Road at the cost of \$2/yard loaded. Paul is going to ask Wayne for more information.

A motion was made and passed to appoint Ruth Barton to the BUHS School Board, term to expire March 4, 2003. This appointment is made to fill the vacancy created by Claude Gouin's resignation.

The Board received a letter from Laura Mullen to Molly Dugan concerning the need for a handicap access to the Dummerston Community Center. This letter was needed in the grant application for the handicap access.

The Board received the report from the State for the 2002 Equalized Education Property Valuation; total value \$142,994. The Common Level of Appraisal is 90.26% and the Coefficient of Dispersion is 13.93%. Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

Approved_____

_____ Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Lester L. Dunklee