

SELECTBOARD MEETING      FEBRUARY 5, 2003      7:30 P.M.

This meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM at the Town Office in Dummerston Center, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Beverly Knapp.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of January 8<sup>th</sup>, as amended, and to approve the minutes of January 27<sup>th</sup> and to sign Warrants 16 & 16P.

Wayne reported that the “V” plow is now ready and the grader now has a plow frame. There has not been any serious maintenance on equipment. Wayne would like the Selectboard to consider an ordinance for a temporary speed limit of 25 mph on snow covered roads only for the months of December, January, February and March. He asked that the Board at least think about it. There have been several instances where Town vehicles have almost been in accidents due to speed from other vehicles on these roads.

An invoice has been received from Brattleboro Veterinary Clinic in the amount of \$140.95 regarding costs for an injured stray cat found on Middle Road. Two girls had brought the cat to the clinic. A motion was made and passed that the town pay for the rabies testing only (\$18.90), as the town has no obligation to pay for cats. A letter to this effect will be sent to the clinic.

A letter dated January 10<sup>th</sup> has been received from Honeywell Co. asking if the town’s fire or security system is currently being monitored by Keene Mutual Aid. Shorty contacted them and informed them that our systems are not monitored by Keene Mutual Aid.

A motion was made and passed to sign a resolution asking that the Governor and the members of the Vermont Legislature take the necessary action to increase the education block grant or reduce the statewide property tax rate in an effort to reverse the trend of increasing school property taxes. (See attached Resolution)

Meeting: There will be a “Table Top Exercise” with Emergency Management on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Town Office at 6 PM. Food will be served.

Board members need to review the evacuation plan draft. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Meeting adjourned 8:30 PM.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sylvio L. Forrett, Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp, Administrative Assistant