

SELECTBOARD MEETING OCTOBER 29, 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: Paul Normandeau, Chairman; Shorty Forrett, Vice-Chairman; Lester Dunklee, Clerk; Jack Manix and Cindy Jerome.

Also Present: Fire Chief Allen Pike; Windham Solid Waste Management District (WSWMD) Operations Manager Joe Kowalski; Emergency Management Director Larry Lynch; Dummerston Listers Bev Knapp, Doug Hamilton, Jean Newell; Dummerston's representative to WSWMD Ron Wright and Road Foreman Wayne Emery.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of October 15th and to pay Warrants 9 & 9P.

Joe spoke to the Board regarding serious problems at the recycling containers at the Route 30 location by Dummerston Neighbor's. Volatile materials (paint, thinner and solvents) were discovered in the bins, trash has been left around the bins and WSWMD has spent many hours sorting recyclables/non-recyclables. Transients seem to be the bulk of the problem. They do not have enough man power to continue monitoring this area; a new location must be found. Joe suggested placing the containers at the location of the Community Center; the Board feels that this would be a logical place to put them. Lester will contact the Trustees of the Community Center for their input. The District will be removing the containers on Route 30 for the coming weekend and replace them at the same location on Monday, November 3rd for two weeks only, until the new location is definite. Ron Wright stated that the District has been working on a budget for the coming year and they will probably have some information by the end of December.

Allen referenced a letter received from the Selectboard regarding alerting routes. Allen stated that Larry Lynch should have been made aware of these concerns/letter, as he is the Emergency Director and Allen works for him. Allen: routing work is now on the fast track, and they are looking to Mutual Aid for assistance; this is a high priority. Larry mentioned that Allen has been very busy obtaining grants; there is a lot of paper work involved and this has held Allen back from working on the routing details.

Albie Lewis returned Cindy's phone call and apologized for not getting back to her sooner. A strategic study has been done addressing our issues, but the report needs to be reviewed and discussed; it will be forthcoming.

The Listers reviewed information with the Board regarding the up-coming reappraisal. Supplies, appraisal software program from the State (with free support), and miscellaneous items have been purchased. Work has begun on the reappraisal and the listers feel they are on schedule; they will keep the Board updated.

Highway report: they have been addressing drainage, cleaning culvert inlets and outlets and will install new culvert pipe locations on Sunset Lake Road. The drainage problem on Old Ferry Road has been taken care of. Leaves have been a problem and Wayne discussed a vacuum that Putney and Dummerston could share-cost estimated to be \$7000 to each town-it would be a joint venture. A representative from Mine, Safety and Health Administration came to the Town Garage-he inspected the pit and reviewed the quarterly report.

Shorty: Paul Chapman was concerned with the road map showing all of Riverside Drive as a Town Road-it was agreed that Paul must have been looking at an old map, as it is correct on the new map. Shorty met Bill Jewell, an environmental consultant, at the covered bridge to discuss plans for access to the river. Shorty asked that the kiosk be in the shape of the covered bridge; Bill Jewell agreed.

A motion was made and passed to sign the Agreement with Rescue, Inc.

A letter has been received from Vermont League of Cities and Towns regarding health insurance costs-Paul will call and ask them to come down and review information.

There will be a meeting on December 9th at 7 PM at the new fire station in Westminster with Selectboards from Putney, Dummerston and Westminster. Our legislators and Jim Matteau from Windham Regional Commission will be invited.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM.

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Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp, Administrative Assistant