

SELECTBOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 4, 2004 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: Captain John Melvin from the Sheriff's Department, officers and directors from the Dummerston Community Chest, Beverly Knapp.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of January 21, 2004 and to pay Warrants 16 & 16P.

Frank Vara and Art Benedict reviewed a letter to be sent for contributions for the Community Chest -national agencies will be eliminated; only local agencies will be eligible. The Drop In Center, The Reading Challenge and Brattleboro Area Pastoral Counseling Center will be added. A motion was made and passed by the Selectboard to approve the letter as revised. The officers and directors of the Community Chest will meet on February 11th at 7 PM at the Town Office.

The Town had received sizable invoices from the Sheriff's Department and Board members are concerned. Captain Melvin: These statements educate the Town on what the Sheriff's Department has done in Dummerston.; there will not be any change in service even if the charges exceed the Town budget amount of \$12,000. The Town will not be charged over the budgeted amount. At the present time there are more personnel than funds available, but they are awaiting various grants. The Sheriff's Department has been very active in Town. Captain Melvin will write an article for the next Views of Dummerston. He also noted that speeding is a large problem in Dummerston and there are many overweight violations. Richard Cook from the Department of Motor Vehicles will review information regarding overweight permits and will inform the Selectboard.

Wayne Emery, road foreman, was not present at this meeting-Paul gave a report from Wayne: Wayne has spoken with Floyd Roberts from the Agency of Transportation, District 2 and Dummerston has a positive chance to receive a substantial amount of money from the Agency based on Class 2 paved roads. These monies could be applied to finish paving Middle Road and address the paved portion of Bunker Road, and also striping the black top roads. Application for the grant should be made annually.

Wayne also spoke with Thad Betts from Southern Vermont Engineering regarding Sugar House Road; the Town would like to take over the road. Years ago some work had been done regarding this but Thad advised to start over. He estimated that it would be about \$2500 to do the project. The highway department has been pushing back snow banks, cutting brush and peeling ice.

A statement has been received from Turner & Renaud regarding tree cutting in the West Dummerston Baptist Cemetery. This should be paid from the cemetery account.

A motion was made and passed to sign a right and easement for aerial overhang and guy wire and anchor placement with Green Mountain Corp. and Verizon of New England Corp. at the location of the Bennett Cemetery.

A motion was made and passed to hold no Pre-Town Meeting.

Re Lori Rice--The Board received a letter dated January 27th "Notice of Appearance" from Town Attorney Bob Fisher stating that he has notified the Plaintiff's attorney of his appearance.

The Board began discussion on the Phyllis Meadow and Cyril Z. Meadow Institute project. Paul excused himself because of conflict of interest. A motion was made and passed to ask Town Attorney Bob Fisher to support the Zoning Board of Adjustment's decision.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 PM.

Approved _____

Paul E. Normandeau
Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee
Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp, Administrative Assistant