

SELECTBOARD MEETING APRIL 28, 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. Cindy Jerome arrived at 7:45 PM.

Also Present: Bob Niles from M A Holden Consulting, Inc.; Conservation Commission Chairman Cami Elliot-Knaggs, Em Richards from Windham County Natural Resource Conservation District, Matt Mann from Windham Regional Commission; Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Beverly Knapp.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 14th and April 21st and to pay Warrants 22 & 22P. Vote: Paul, Shorty, Lester and Jack: Yes.

Bob Niles discussed a hot patch that is usable in cold weather as well as warm weather. Bob reviewed information on this hot patch-if it is used correctly it is guaranteed to last longer than the pavement around it. The Board asked several questions and gave some examples of this possibly being used and were very pleased with the information Bob gave them.

Re project at the covered bridge: Cami, Em and Matt reviewed information and plans for the new access, parking, plantings, buffered area, eroded dirt path to the river, etc.—Bill Jewell has done the drawings and given a lot of time to the project. The basic plan would have no access from Route 30; there would be no flea markets there. Location of a kiosk, monument and picnic tables was also discussed; a larger parking area needs to be reviewed. Em Richards will apply for more grants and funding; there has been a lot of community action involved. There is still time to obtain funding and grants-hopefully the project will be in place by 2005. The kiosk is ready to be installed; Cami will contact Jean Momaney, Zoning Administrator, to see if any permits are needed. The Board was impressed with all the progress and plans already submitted and thanked Cami, Em and Matt.

Cami stated that David Tansey will be coming to the Conservation Commission meeting on May 20th to discuss information and what he sees for the future of the Scott Farm. All are invited.

Cindy has written a draft for a policy on the Miller Fund. Various suggestions were made and Cindy will do revisions and submit a new draft at the next Board meeting.

Wayne: There may be a reduction in the amount of money received from the Agency of Transportation—a possible estimated decrease of \$20,000. Floyd Roberts, District 2 Transportation Administrator, will advise Wayne soon. The highway department has been scraping roads and addressing drainage. They will be attending a flagging course on June 2nd at the Putney Fire Station.

The warranty company on the original roof repair at the town garage will pay for the repairs that are now needed. Wayne attended a road foreman's meeting in Vernon and reported that this was very informative. There will be a similar meeting once a month at various locations. The Board agreed to have Wayne purchase a metal container for containment of rags. Wayne submitted a draft for the purchase of a new loader. The Board gave permission to Wayne to mail these specification out for the bidding process.

A copy of the Certificate of Service regarding Meadow Institute has been received from Attorney Bob Fisher

A motion was made and passed to sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways.

A motion was made and passed to adopt a Peddler's Ordinance on Town Owned Property as presented by Bob Fisher, Town Attorney.

A motion was made and passed to award the low bid from Larry & Grant's Lawn Care Service for mowing and cleaning the Town Lawn/Common and cemeteries.

There will be a meeting on May 12th at 1 PM with Susan Scribner of the Historic Bridge Preservation Division to discuss grant funding for repairs to the Iron Bridge.

9:15 PM: A motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss a real estate matter and a personnel matter.

Executive session adjourned at 9:45 PM-no decisions were made.

Regular Board meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Approved _____

Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp
Administrative Assistant