

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

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

Also Present: Matt Mann from WRC, Art Avery, Mark Kracum, David Whittle from the Windham County Sheriff's office, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch.

A motion was made by Shorty and seconded by Cindy to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2005 meeting as corrected and to pay Warrants 17 and 17P. The correction to the original minutes is on page one, paragraph five, sentence three, changing the word "months" to "years".

The Board recognized Matt Mann who presented two proposal drafts for the Covered Bridge lot. One plan uses the existing access to Route 30 and the other presents an alternative access to Route 30. After discussing the proposed trees, stairway to the river, parking spaces, and Route 30 access, the Board decided to continue reviewing the proposed plans and provide feedback to Paul before Town Meeting.

Art Avery was recognized by Chairman Normandeau. Art informed the Board that the Historical Society has received a grant for installing a handicap access to the Historical Society building. Art wished to go on the record as saying that the town roads have been in great shape this winter. Lastly, Art asked the Town to take over the Leverwood Lane Culvert. Since the Town's policy is that residents install new culverts and the Town maintains them if they are of approved design and alignment, the Board feels they have already taken responsibility for this culvert.

Mark Kracum was recognized next. He had researched and discovered there is no conflict with his role at RACES and Vt. Emergency Management. The Board advised him to contact Larry Lynch.

Dave Whittle was visiting from the Windham County Sheriff's Dept. He and others will be visiting the local selectboards to foster communication. The Board responded that unreturned phone calls and speeders were two main concerns.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that he had mailed Requests for Proposals to six engineers regarding the Canoe Brook culvert project.

The Scott Farm submitted an Application for a Curb Cut Permit on Dutton Farm Road. Paul signed the form.

The Board gave Wayne the radio service license from the FCC which Wayne keeps on file.

Jack circulated a copy of the letter he wrote to Virginia Carter responding to her inquiry about Shorty's visit.

Regarding Dwight Miller Jr.'s application for a 2005 Historic Preservation Barn Grant, Jack will write a letter of recommendation after clarifying as to which barn Dwight is applying.

Pieciak & Company notified the Town they had applied the agreed-upon procedures to verify certain cash accounts for the Town.

Other correspondence circulated included a February 7th letter of introduction from bridge contractors Blow & Cote, a Land Use Permit Amendment for the Robert and Susan Sprague property, a proposal from SVE Associates dated February 7th for engineering services for acquisition of Moore Gravel Pit, a February 7th letter from Vt. Emergency Management about funds available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, and a February 2nd letter from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development approving the enhanced award request.

Paul had spoken to Ernie at Southern Vermont Cable. They would provide us with their \$35 service package for \$19.95/month. The Board asked Paul to find out what the price would be for their slower service package.

The Board signed the Resolution from the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities opposing any use of the State Education Fund that is outside the law's original intent. Linda was asked to mail copies to our state legislators and Mike Obuchowski.

Paul discovered that both the Town and Historical Society had been paying for insurance on the Historical Society building. The Historical Society owns the building and leases the land from the Town. The Town can insure the property for fire and casualty but not for liability and contents. The Board's consensus is that they are willing to pay the fire and casualty.

At 8:55pm a motion from Shorty and seconded by Cindy was passed to enter Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter. Visitors Kevin Ryan, Linda McCulloch, and Wayne Emery were invited to the Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:07pm and no action was taken.

Lester moved and Shorty seconded a motion to sign the 2004 Bridge Inspection Reports. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Shorty to sign the Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending which closes the 2004 grand list book. The motion passed.

Cindy moved and Shorty seconded a motion to sign the Second Amendment to the Grant Agreement regarding the Community Center. The motion passed.

Cindy reported that she had received a response from Duncan at Vt. Emergency Management. He answered letter number two of the three that had been sent; the one for which we had already received a response.

The Board discussed the Warning for Town Meeting and decided which Board members will move which articles.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Approved: _____

Paul Normandeau, Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Linda McCulloch, Administrative Assistant