

This meeting was called to order at 7:31pm at the Town Office in Dummerston Center, Vermont.

Organization of the Selectboard: Shorty Forrett made a motion that the Board elect a slate of officers as follows: Cindy Jerome, Chair; Paul Normandeau, Vice-Chair; and Kevin Ryan, Clerk. The motion was seconded by Paul. Cindy outlined changes that would occur if she were elected Chairperson. No other nominations were made and the motion passed.

Members Present: Chair Cindy Jerome; Vice Chair Paul Normandeau; Clerk Kevin Ryan; Shorty Forrett, and Tom Bodett

Also Present: Robert Wainwright from Windham Regional Commission, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

Shorty moved that the minutes of February 16, 2005 be approved with the correction of adding Kevin Ryan's name to those Also Present, and that the Board approve Warrants 17E, 18, and 18P. Paul seconded the motion and it passed.

The Board recognized Bob Wainwright who gave a brief history of the events leading to his request that the Board sign a contract from Windham Regional for mapping analysis and a contract from CTI for digitizing parcel data. Paul moved that the Board sign both contracts. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the sand pile is being used at a surprising rate and that because some is frozen he may have to purchase more.

Linda will call VLCT about Selectboard Handbooks to see how much they have changed since our 1999 versions and what the current price would be.

The Board must appoint a Town Agent since one was not elected at Town Meeting. Shorty moved and Paul seconded that Lester Dunklee be appointed. The motion passed.

Regarding the correspondence about the Model Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance, Kevin will compare the one just received with our current one and report on the changes.

The Board received a Tentative Redetermination of Town of Dummerston's Equalized Education Property tax Grand List, Common Level of Appraisal and Coefficient of Dispersion dated February 17, and a final notice dated February 28, 2005.

A response letter dated February 21 was received from Duncan Higgins at Vermont Emergency Management regarding the three letters the Board had sent in February 2003, June 2003, and March 2004 to Albie Lewis.

Cindy asked Wayne to check with Cami Elliott-Knaggs from the Conservation Committee as to their opinion on the two proposals submitted by Windham Regional for the area next to the Covered Bridge.

Southern Vermont Cable responded that their previous offer of providing the Town with their \$35 package for \$19.95/month is the only deal available. The offer was accepted and the connection is already in place.

Two liquor license renewals were submitted. The Board asked Linda to return the one from the Rainbow Cattle Company and ask them to finish completing it. Linda will call Dummerston Neighbors and tell them the Board will hold theirs until receiving proof of attendance at the March 11th law enforcement seminar.

The Board received a signed agreement from the Historical Society stating that they will reimburse the Town for premium costs incurred in insuring the building and outlining what would happen with the proceeds from the Fire and Casualty Insurance if anything should happen to the building. Shorty moved that the Board sign the agreement, Tom seconded, and the motion passed.

The Dummerston Fire Dept. requested our permission to contact the Town attorney for a consultation about billing liable or negligent parties. The Board prefers that the Fire Dept. check with other volunteer towns and gather more information first.

A Selectboard forum sponsored by VLCT will be held April 2 at the Dover Town Hall.

Since the Town approved the National Guard Resolution at Town Meeting, the Board requests that Linda forward it to our state and federal legislators.

Shorty moved and Paul seconded that the Board enter Executive Session at 9:15pm to discuss a real estate matter, and that Linda be invited to stay. The motion passed.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 9:28pm. Shorty, Tom, and Paul will form a new subcommittee to explore real estate issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Linda McCulloch, Administrative Assistant