

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

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

Absent: Shorty Forrett

Also Present: Town Clerk Pam McFadden, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Mark Kracum, and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

A motion was made by Paul to approve the minutes of the March 2, 2005 meeting and to pay Warrants 19 and 19P. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

The Board recognized Town Clerk Pam McFadden who reported that Newton Business had delivered a copier for trial. Pam outlined options for leasing and purchasing and recommended the leasing option. Leasing makes sense financially and would allow more budget money in the current year to be used for other purchases. Pam also reported that she had hired Laurie Frechette as Assistant Town Clerk.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the sand pile might not have to be covered as long as it is not mixed with salt. He will verify. Since there is not enough gravel for use during mud season, Wayne is planning to use the York rake to alleviate mud problems.

Regarding the letter from the State about the availability of surplus bridge beams, Wayne had obtained the sizes available and there are some suitable for the High Bridge. He will research the cost of loading and transporting them to Dummerston.

Three bids were received for the Canoe Brook Road project. The bids were opened and are as follows:

DuBois & King, Inc.	Randolph	\$30,542
Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.	Bennington	\$43,900
SVE Associates	Brattleboro	\$20,775

The following correspondence was reviewed: an e-mail from Lou Stazi at VLCT inquiring if Dummerston could work on bridge projects this year should State money become available, letters dated March 4 and March 11 from the Vt. Agency of Natural Resources regarding Victor and Mary Burdo’s land use permit, a letter from Vtrans requesting which Class 2 roads are scheduled for repair/retreatment, a memo from Kendall Gifford announcing the contract closing for the Community Center access modifications, a copy of the approved Zoning Permit for the Community Center dated March 15; an e-mail from VEM about the Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant Program, and a registration form for Town Officers’ Education Conferences on four dates in four locations.

Wayne read aloud a letter he had drafted in response to VTrans question about the Class 2 roads and commented that the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program will require a considerable amount of paperwork. He is studying the application.

A letter was received today from Marquise & Morano, LLC that documented the discussion that occurred during Michael Marquise' visit to the Board meeting on January 19th. The letter states that test pits are scheduled for digging March 30th.

On a motion from Kevin and a second from Tom, the Board appointed officers as per the attached list. The motion passed.

Kevin distributed copies of documentation he created comparing the Town of Dummerston Telecommunication Facilities Ordinance with the model proposal from the VLCT. Paul will consult with the Planning Commission about incorporating the current* ordinance into the zoning amendments that will be completed by this September.

Minutes amended March 30 to add "current"

Cindy spoke to Matt Mann at Windham Regional regarding the Board's preference for the Park & Ride entrance to be on Route 30 and Matt has sent the proposal to Vtrans for their comments.

Tom moved and Kevin seconded the signing of the Liquor License Renewal for the Rainbow Cattle Co. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Tom seconded the signing of the Liquor License Renewal for Dwight Miller & Son Orchard. The motion passed.

Mike and Terry's Exit 4 Sunoco responded to our letter asking for missing information on their Liquor License Renewal. Their application is now complete and Tom moved that the Board sign it. Paul seconded the motion and it passed.

A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Kevin to sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Kevin seconded the signing of the Dog Warrant. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Paul and seconded by Kevin to appoint Thomas P. Johnson Town Service Officer. The motion passed.

A copy of a Purchase and Sales Agreement was received from Fisher & Fisher. The agreement is for a small piece of land adjacent to the Taft Cemetery that the Town has been trying to purchase from CVPS. Paul moved and Tom seconded ratifying Shorty's signing of the agreement. The motion passed.

Cindy presented three proposed uses of Miller Fund money received from the Dummerston School. Kevin moved and Tom seconded that the Board approve and make available \$3100 in total for the three. The motion passed. Cindy will convey the Board's thoughts to Lyle Holiday at the Dummerston School.

A proposed letter addressed to Sheriff Prue was received from the representatives of the towns who are meeting to address problems with the department. The Board was reluctant to sign the letter in its current form since it is somewhat poorly written, doesn't specify a consequence, and does not mention one of Dummerston's main concerns, specifically the sheriff departments lack of presence in Town. Tom will draft an alternate letter and will discuss these issues with Shorty who represented Dummerston on the committee.

Tom Bodett agreed to write the column on Selectboard News to the View of Dummerston.

Tom spoke of his experience in Alaska with the Valdez Oil spill and asked the Board's permission to use his position as a Board member to make inquiries in Montpelier about the possibility of Entergy posting a bond in case an incident resulted in an economic loss to this area.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Linda McCulloch, Administrative Assistant

**SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENTS
MARCH 16, 2005**

Dummerston Planning Commission		No appointments necessary
Zoning Board of Adjustment:	Term to Expire 2009	Patricia Jaquith
Conservation Commission:	Term to Expire 2007	William McKim
	Term to Expire 2009	Patti Smith
		William Schmidt
		John Lilly
	Alternate Member:	John Warren
Foreman of Roads		Wayne Emery
First Constable		Wayne Emery
Health Officer		Mary Lafayette
Weigher of Coal		Ruth Barton
Pound Keepers		Sylvio Forrett
		Ronald Svec
Inspectors of Wood & Lumber		Stuart Brown
		Sylvio Forrett
Tree Warden		Charles Richardson
Fence Viewers		Nelson Jillson
		Ernest Clark
		Harold Newell
Town Service Officer		Thomas Johnson
Windham Regional Commission		Elizabeth Catlin
		Robert Wainwright
Current and Delinquent Tax Receiver		Pamela McFadden
Fire Warden		Martin Forrett
Assistant Fire Warden		Charles Richardson
Recreation Board		Steve Glabach
Windham County Solid Waste Management District		Lester Dunklee
		Ronald Wright
Emergency Management		Laurence Lynch
		Lester Dunklee
SEVCA Representative		None appointed
Council on Aging		Shirley Perkins
		Beverly Lavoie
Rescue Inc. Representative		None appointed
Vt. Community Development		Jack Manix
		Larry Cassidy
Connecticut River Joint Commission		Daniel Marx
Enhanced 9-1-1 Contact Person		Douglas Hamilton
Dummerston Animal Control Officer		Windham County Sheriff Dept.
Farmland Committee		William Schmidt
	Vernon Grubinger	Jack Manix
	D. Read Miller	Nelson Jillson
Official Newspapers	Brattleboro Reformer	Town Crier