

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

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

Also Present: Emergency Director Laurence Lynch, Fire Chief Allen Pike, Emergency Management representative Lester Dunklee, Bess Richardson, Ed Anthes, Judy Davidson, and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

Shorty moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2005 meeting with an amendment of inserting the word "current" before the word "ordinance" on page two, paragraph four, line three; and Warrants 20 and 20P. The motion passed.

The Canoe Brook Road Project bid will not be awarded. FEMA has said that all three bids are too high. FEMA, Gary Schelley, Wayne Emery, and Cindy will be meeting on April 13th after which a new RFP will be developed.

The Board discussed the Radiological Emergency Response Plan with Emergency Director Larry Lynch using Duncan Higgins February 21, 2005 letter of response as a guide. Helpful input was received from the visitors present and the Board decided that the next step is to invite Emergency Planner Steven Goldsmith and Training Coordinator Phyllis Alberici from the Brattleboro Emergency Management office to the Selectboard's April 27th meeting.

Shorty moved and Tom seconded the approval of the proposed Zoning Permit Fee Schedule to take effect May 1, 2005. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed correspondence: March 15 WSWMD Adjustment of FYE June 30, 2005 Assessment; March 15 FEMA Public Assistance Program Memorandum of Understanding; March 22 Land Use Permit for Juliet Cuming and David Shaw; March 24 inquiry from the Town of Lowell about ambulance service; March 25 fax from VLCT responding to Paul about Town Highways, Danville's Right of Way Policy, and an "Ask the League" article; March 28 Land Use Permit for Phil Savoy; March 28 request from Town of Putney for copy of our Personnel Policy; March 29 certified letter from Kristensen, Cummings, Phillips & Carroll regarding the removal of our equipment from the Moore Pit; and a March 29 request from the Town of Norwich about how Dummerston processes monetary requests from outside organizations onto the Town Warrant.

Kevin moved and Shorty seconded a revision to the Conservation Commission appointments as requested by Cami Elliott-Knaggs, Chair of the Conservation Commission. The revisions include the appointment of John Lily to fill the vacancy left by Constance Woodbury, term to expire 2007; the reappointment of Edward Anthes, term to expire 2009; allowing John Warren to remain as previously appointed, term to expire 2008; the appointment of Patti Smith, term to expire 2009, and the appointment of William Schmidt, term to expire 2009. William McKim will be an alternate to the nine-member commission. The motion passed.

Shorty moved and Tom seconded the appointment of Heidi Fischer as Rescue Inc. Representative. The motion passed.

In discussing the Windham County Sheriff issue, the Board noted that though we did not approve the letter proposed by the member towns that met to discuss the issue, Dummerston appeared in the Brattleboro Reformer as a signer.

Zoning Administrator Alan McBean is considering who might be Assistant Zoning Administrator.

Cindy reported that the State is insisting on the current access to the Covered Bridge and won't consider the proposed access further North on Route 30. There is no grant money available in the current state budget, or proposed for the '06 budget, for municipal-owned park and ride projects. The plan for erosion control is going forward and there will be a meeting April 12, 2005 at 1:30pm at the Covered Bridge.

Paul moved and Shorty seconded the approval of the Liquor License Renewal for Dummerston Neighbors. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Kevin seconded the approval of three Trailer Park License Renewals for Amy Dews, Vt. State Housing Authority, and Ralph Bolster. The motion passed.

Shorty asked that Board authorize the requests for bids on the cemetery mowing. Paul moved and Tom seconded that the Board put the cemetery mowing out to bid. The motion passed.

The Board entered Executive Session at 10:05pm to discuss a real estate matter on a motion from Tom with a second from Paul. Linda was invited into Executive Session.

The Board returned from Executive Session at 10:10pm with no action taken.

The next meeting is April 13, 2005 and Shorty, Tom, and Paul will report as the subcommittee on studying real estate issues.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:17pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Linda McCulloch, Administrative Assistant