

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

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

Also Present: Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Jody Normandeau, Town Clerk Pam McFadden, Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

Tom moved that the minutes of July 20, 2005 and July 21, 2005 be approved as written and that the Board approve Warrants 3 and 3P for payment. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

Pam McFadden and Jody Normandeau presented traffic calming solutions proposed at a recent committee meeting. The committee would like to recommend a zero tolerance policy. The history and success of a previous zero tolerance policy was reviewed. After discussing the pros and cons of zero tolerance, Paul moved that the Board request additional enforcement from the sheriff department for the next several weeks, during peak times, and that tickets rather than warnings be issued. Shorty seconded the motion and it passed. The request will be included in a letter attached to the renewal contract and Shorty will invite Sheriff Prue to a future Board meeting.

Pam advised the Board that she received a list of HS131 late filers yesterday and that she was telephoning them due to the lack of time between now and when they will receive a late penalty. Shorty moved and Paul seconded the signing of the Certificate of HS131. The motion carried.

Pam also asked the Board to choose a new voting site as new handicap laws now prevent us from using the church. The Board chose the Dummerston School and discussed how to best inform the community of the change.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery updated the Board on progress at the Park and Ride site and at the Canoe Brook Road site. He reported that retreatment on Houghton Brook Rd. and Johnson's Curve Rd. should be completed today.

A letter from the Agency of Commerce and Community Development announcing the Broadband Grant Program for 2005 doesn't apply to Dummerston since we do have some broadband service.

Shorty will thank Heidi Fischer for her informative report on Rescue, Inc.

Two letters were received from community members about the tax increase. Jody suggested that the Board work with the School Board to find creative ways to help offset our contributions to the State.

Pam was asked to consider whether she would be in favor of a three or four tax payment system instead of our current two payment system.

The Board remained divided on the wording of the plaque for the Covered Bridge and tabled further discussion until the August 31st meeting.

Shorty moved that the Board sign the sheriff's contract renewal for the period of 7/1/05 to 6/30/06 with the omission of the phrase "at for" in #4. Paul seconded and the motion passed.

Demographic profiles of Dummerston from the Windham Regional Commission were distributed to each Board member.

Dummerston has been invited to participate in a joint fuel purchase with the Windham Northeast towns of Putney and Westminster for diesel and heating fuel. Paul moved that the Board accept the bid from Allen Bros. Oil for fuel at \$1.999 per gallon and the bid from Fleming Oil for diesel at \$1.7422 per gallon. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

Paul moved and Kevin seconded signing the liquor license application from Carrie Ann Plansker, new owner of the Rainbow Cattle Co. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Shorty seconded approval of the renewal of the sublease agreement between the Town of Dummerston and the Southeastern Vermont Learning Collaborative for the building known as the Regional Library. The motion passed.

Paul informed the Board of a septic situation at Charlie Bolster's mobile home.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk