

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

Members Present: Chair Cindy Jerome, Vice Chair Paul Normandeau, and Shorty Forrett

Members Absent: Clerk Kevin Ryan and Tom Bodett

Also Present: Town Clerk Pamela McFadden, Anne Brown, Lavon Butts, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Sheriff Sheila Prue, Jody Normandeau, Enhanced 911 Contact Doug Hamilton, Emergency Management Director Larry Lynch, and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

Shorty moved and Paul seconded approval of the August 17, 2005 minutes and Warrants 5 and 5P. The motion passed.

Doug Hamilton requested a new road name for the road adjacent to Lot 3 near the airport which has recently been sold. The new owners have requested "Winter Bell Drive". Paul moved and Shorty seconded approval of Winter Bell Drive as the name of the new road. The motion passed.

Sheriff Prue had never received the Board's letter requesting traffic enforcement which was attached to the contract renewal and mailed August 10<sup>th</sup>. A copy was presented to her. Anne Brown described the speeding problems near the intersection of Schoolhouse Road and the East West Road. Several previously discussed traffic calming measures were discussed with Sheriff Prue. The lack of School Zone warnings was mentioned. Cindy asked that Pam and Jody discuss with the traffic committee where to paint lines and place reflective tape. Sheriff Prue said that cost of the additional enforcement would come from the budget since there aren't any grants available at this time. The Board responded that if tickets are issued the cost will be at least partially offset. Sheriff Prue will direct the deputies to issue tickets.

Larry Lynch thanked the Board for the successful effort in obtaining a Homeland Security grant to purchase the generator for the school. He had received a copy of the letter from VEM Director Barbara Farr to the Town asking if we had applied to other agencies for any of the items in the budget submitted to her office. Larry said we have not. Linda was directed to respond to the letter.

Larry informed the Board that he would be meeting with Claude Gouin tomorrow regarding an estimate on an emergency exit from the EOC. He asked Shorty to attend.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that Steve Dompier had reviewed the proposed plan to run wiring from the Town Garage to the Town Office. Because the pipe to hold the wire would have to be at least 3" in diameter and manholes would be needed every 200 feet, it might be more cost effective to buy a generator for the Town Office. Wayne will continue researching.

Wayne notified the Board that the Canoe Brook Road project has been completed. He recommended that tree warden Charlie Richardson look at the Oak tree that leans toward the Covered Bridge.

Cindy asked if Wayne would look into placing signs in Dummerston Center notifying trucks of the Covered Bridge ahead and its weight limit; and if Wayne would compile a list of possible projects to be done in the next ten years.

Linda was directed to respond to Fisher and Fisher to request the documents that are scheduled for shredding.

Paul will contact Fisher and Fisher regarding the letter Robert Fisher sent us requesting an adjustment on the taxes due by CVPS.

A decision on the wording for the Covered Bridge plaque was scheduled for this meeting. Cindy asked that the Board consider tabling the decision again until all five Board members are present to vote. Shorty moved that the Board table the discussion and Cindy seconded. The motion passed with Shorty and Cindy voting in favor and Paul opposed.

Shorty reported on yesterday's meeting with Putney about the gravel pit. The cost to upgrade the road and install a culvert was quoted at \$50,000 to \$75,000. Test borings are scheduled which will show how deep the gravel is along the fence and the location of the water table.

Paul moved and Shorty seconded acceptance of the amendments to the 2005 Grand List. The motion passed.

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

Several individual's names were suggested to replace Pal Turner on the Dummerston-Newfane loan committee. Cindy will contact each one.

Shorty moved and Paul seconded the signing of the request to Cater Malt & Vinous Beverages and Spirituous Liquors at the Scott Farm on September 17<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Shorty seconded signing Verizon's petition to replace a pole on Hague Road. The motion passed.

On a motion by Cindy and a second from Paul, the Board entered Executive Session at 9:30pm to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:40pm and did not take action.

Cindy noticed that the listers were claiming mileage reimbursements at 37.5 cents per mile though the federal government raised the mileage allowance to 40 cents per mile in January.

Cindy moved that the Town of Dummerston automatically adjust its mileage reimbursement to whatever the IRS allowance is annually. Shorty seconded and the motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Minutes: Linda McCulloch, Administrative Assistant