

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

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

Absent: Vice Chair Paul Normandeau

Also Present: Prospect Hill Trustee Mary Lou Schmidt; Dummerston Trails Committee members Bill Schmidt, Jack Lilly, and Roger Haydock; Ruth Barton; Listers Beverly Knapp, Doug Hamilton, and Jean Newell; Planning Commission member Elizabeth Catlin; Road Foreman Wayne Emery; and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm. Shorty moved and Kevin seconded approval of the minutes of August 31, 2005 and Warrants 6 and 6P. A correction was made to the minutes on page 2, the last paragraph, the last line. The mileage allowance is 40.5 cents, not 40 cents. The motion passed with the minutes as corrected.

Lister Beverly Knapp reported that she has surgery scheduled and would like to file for retirement effective September 30, 2005. She may not receive compensation from the Town for the next 90 days but may work up to 23 hours per week after that. Bev would like to volunteer her time as she is able during the 90 day period and then she hopes the Board will re-appoint her for the rest of her term which expires in March 2006. She plans to run for the office again and remain a lister through the grievance period of the reappraisal. Doug Hamilton spoke in favor of Bev's plan.

Mary Lou Schmidt spoke of the two vacant trustee positions for Prospect Hill Pasture. She has two individuals in mind and would like the vacancies filled before the trustees are asked to make any decision presented by the Trails Committee for the location of a trail. The Board was in favor of her choices and asked her to approach the individuals and report back to the Board.

Jack Lilly presented maps depicting two trail options involving Prospect Hill Pasture. The Trails Committee is asking for direction from the Board before proceeding. One option features the top of the Hill, the other skirts the Hill. Though the Board continues to support the efforts of the Trails Committee, they felt that approving a general idea for Prospect Hill was putting the cart before the horse.

Elizabeth Catlin reported on Municipal Planning Grants applied for by the Planning Commission. She described the Planning Commission's overall plan by stages. This year they are asking for \$9800. She read the Resolution for Municipal Planning Grant which must be signed by the Board. Shorty moved and Tom seconded the Board signing the Resolution as read. The motion passed. Shorty moved and Tom seconded the Board authorizing Cindy to sign on behalf of the Board. The motion carried.

Wayne reported that the original plan for the underground cable from the Town Garage to the Town Office is cost prohibitive. Dompier Electric has recommended a 15 KW air cooled propane fired generator set on crushed stone for the Town Office. The generator costs \$5250 and Wayne will research installation and LP gas prices for the next meeting. Wayne asked for authorization from the Board to use Town resources of equipment and employees to assist the Fire Department in replacing the culvert under the driveway at the Dummerston Center Fire Station. Shorty moved and Tom seconded the authorization. The motion passed. Wayne reported that the right turn lane has been added by the Covered Bridge.

Matt Mann advised Wayne that the WRC is willing to conduct culvert inventories and road assessments for the Town at no charge. The Town has a culvert inventory but WRC could provide a GPS coordinate for each culvert. Wayne asked the Board for permission to request the culvert GPS coordinates and road assessment from the WRC. The request must be made in writing. Shorty moved and Kevin seconded that the Board make the request from WRC. The motion passed.

Tom said the next gravel pit committee meeting is scheduled for Monday at 1pm. There has been an updated price for the access road of \$70,000 to \$90,000. The project is still feasible. The Board wants to proceed with the drilling which will cost \$2675.

An appointment to the Dummerston-Newfane Loan Committee was tabled.

Kevin moved and Shorty seconded signing the Grand List Correction. The motion passed.

Kevin moved and Shorty seconded signing two Certificates of Amendments to the Grand List dated September 9th and September 13th. The motion carried.

Tom presented an idea for a town wide survey of existing high speed internet to reveal how many people do have service, where they live, and who provides it. Tom asked if the survey could be on Town letterhead but funded privately. The Board agreed but wants to see the wording and requests that a notation be included at the end that funding was provided by a grant.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Linda McCulloch, Administrative Assistant