

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

JANUARY 18, 2006

A special meeting was called to order at 7:10pm at the Dummerston Historical Society in Dummerston, Vermont to present a project status report on the proposed gravel pit at the end of Clark Road in Dummerston.

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

Also Present: Putney Selectboard members Regina Rockefeller and Lyssa Papazian, Ken Carpenter, Ruth and Merrill Barton, Stephen and Jane Baker, Bob Stevens and Cory Frehsee from Stevens & Associates, Laurie and Sam Garland, Nelson Jillson, Virginia and Richard Carter, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette

Bob Stevens and Cory Frehsee from Stevens and Associates engineering firm, presented a project status report to the Board and neighbors of the proposed gravel pit at the end of Clark Road. They fielded several questions from the neighbors regarding possible hours of operations, anticipated truck traffic, etc.

This meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.

The regularly scheduled meeting was moved to the Town Office and called to order at 8:00pm.

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Also Present: Putney Selectboard members Regina Rockefeller and Lyssa Papazian, Virginia and Richard Carter, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette

The Board recognized Virginia and Richard Carter, who presented them with a written response to the Board's letter, dated January 12, 2006 in which the Carters were advised that the Town will no longer sand and/or salt their private road. Much discussion took place regarding whether or not the Post Office driveway is actually a public road or private property. The Board agreed that more research needs to be done on the road classification. Shorty advised that he will research this issue and report back to the Board. The Board declined to reverse their earlier decision and will revisit this issue at their next meeting on February 1st.

The Board recognized Putney Selectboard members Regina Rockefeller and Lyssa Papazian. There was some discussion regarding the proposed Carpenter gravel pit. It was agreed that both Boards need to meet together for further discussion. This meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Friday, January 20th at 10:00am at the Putney Town Hall.

Wayne was unable to attend the meeting due to the inclement weather. Paul updated the Board on the recently installed generator. It has been set to be activated manually instead of automatically as it is not powerful enough to support the electric heat in the Town Office building.

Shorty moved to approve the minutes of January 4 (as corrected) and Warrants 15 and 15P. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

On a motion by Paul and second by Shorty, the Board approved a request from Dummerston Cares to use the Town bulk mail permit.

Correspondence was received from Tamara Adkins on Rice Farm Road regarding winter road treatment issues. It was agreed that Cindy will advise Wayne that this road needs to be reprioritized in the treatment schedule. Shorty also recommended that any future trading of highway equipment be restricted to "non-winter" months; the Board agreed.

A letter from Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean to Randy and Bridget Bokum on East-West Road advising of a potential zoning violation was discussed.

The Zoning Administrator's report for the last quarter of 2005 was reviewed. Cindy will request Alan to provide more information on complaints, possible violations, investigations and results.

The wording for a separate Town Meeting article requesting funding for the proposed gravel pit on Clark Road was approved on a motion by Paul; seconded by Kevin. It will read as follows: "Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston authorize the financing of a sum not to exceed \$110,000 for the purpose of funding the public improvements to the Carpenter Gravel Pit, including construction costs and engineering costs related to the excavation and road construction and Act 250 permit applications, to be financed over a period not to exceed five years?"

The Certificates of Deposit for the Miller and Cemetery Funds are scheduled for renewal at the end of January. Shorty will meet with Pam to discuss the best options for these funds.

Cindy will draft a letter to the Community Center Board advising them of the need to repay the Town for their portion of the construction costs to make the Center handicapped-accessible.

It was moved by Shorty and seconded by Paul to approve the proposed 2006-2007 budget as presented at the January 4th meeting.

The wording for a separate Town Meeting article was approved on a motion by Paul; seconded by Tom. It will read as follows: "Shall the voters of the Town of Dummerston instruct the Governor and our State Representatives and Senators to oppose: any use of the State Education Fund for purposes that are outside the law's original intent to 'make payments to school districts and supervisory unions for the support of education'; the shifting of existing State General Fund expense obligations to the Education Fund; and the reduction of any existing State General Fund revenue support to the Education Fund?"

A proposed Water Agreement was received from the Dummerston Congregational Church to divide any costs of repairs to the existing water system between the Church, Town of Dummerston, Fire Department and Grange. On a motion by Shorty and a second by Paul, the Board authorized Cindy to sign the agreement.

Correspondence was received from Terry Martin, a candidate for Windham County Sheriff, requesting a meeting with the Board to introduce himself and discuss any issues/concerns. It was agreed by the Board that a meeting before the election is not appropriate; Cindy will speak with Terry to advise him of their decision.

At 10:00pm the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a contractual matter.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:11pm with no action taken. There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:12pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette