

## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

FEBRUARY 1, 2006

This meeting was called to order at 7:54pm at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Also Present: Virginia Carter, Lester Dunklee, Beverly Knapp, Larry Lynch, Jean Momaney, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette.

Shorty moved the approval of the January 18, 20 and 23, 2006 meeting minutes and Warrants 16 and 16P. Tom seconded and the motion passed.

The Board recognized Dummerston Community Center Board members Virginia Carter, Lester Dunklee and Jean Momaney who attended the meeting in response to Cindy's letter dated January 26, 2006. They informed the Selectboard that they should be able to reimburse the Town for their 50% share of the handicapped-accessible renovations by the end of this fiscal year. Jean advised the Board that they may have volunteers able to do the drainage work needing to be done in the spring.

The current Dummerston Community Center Board members are: Virginia Carter, Ann Davis, Lester Dunklee, Linda Hellus, Randy Hickin, Jean Momaney and Mary Tyler.

Discussion took place on the renewal of the lease between the Town of Dummerston and the Dummerston Community Center. The Selectboard minutes from August 6, 2003 state that the lease will automatically renew unless either the Town or the Community Center Board give a 30-day written notice to terminate the agreement. All present agreed to continue this agreement.

Shorty reported to the Board that more research needs to be done regarding the Lyons Street/Post Office Drive issue. On a motion by Paul and a second by Shorty, the Board agreed to reverse their earlier decision and continue to sand and salt the Post Office Drive/Lyons Street through the end of the 2006 winter season. Shorty will continue to research the Town road records to clarify the exact location of Lyons Street and report back to the Board at a future meeting.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch who reported that the new RERP procedure is for the Town to purchase the requested materials and be reimbursed. The Fire Dept. will submit their invoices to the Town Clerk for payment so that the Town may be reimbursed.

Discussion took place regarding the new generator at the Town Office. It is not strong enough to run the electric heat and hot water heater in the case of a power outage. It was agreed that the electric baseboard heat will be turned off in the Town Office and the electric breakers covered. Wayne will contact Steve Dompier to have him "load test" the generator.

The Board recognized Beverly Knapp, who retired as a Lister on September 30, 2005. She has been volunteering in the Listers' Office since her retirement and will be running again for the Lister position at Town Meeting in March. Beverly requested that the Board authorize that she be paid an hourly wage between now and Town Meeting Day. The Board will discuss her request with the current Board of Listers; any decision was tabled until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the new truck is being taken to have overload springs installed tomorrow. The replacement fuel tank for the 2001 truck should be shipped on or after February 2<sup>nd</sup>. All trucks have been serviced. The door on the electric panel in the Covered Bridge has been repaired from damage caused by a recent windstorm. Wayne is still working on finding out the cost of removing the door alarms at the Town Garage and Town Office.

Wayne advised the Board that the damage caused by a plow-truck at the school recently has been repaired by Claude Gouin, at no charge to either the Town or the school.

Cindy questioned Wayne on the \$19,500 total expenditures listed in Contracted Services. Wayne believes this is the Town's portion of the repairs done to the Canoe Brook Bridge.

Cindy requested that Wayne find out the cost of installing carbon monoxide detectors in all Town buildings.

Cindy questioned Wayne on the Highway Department's policy of "cleaning up" after storms on overtime when the weather forecast is for good weather the next day. Wayne reassured the Board that he is trying to keep the overtime costs down and that he does keep track of the weather forecasts.

A letter was received from David Hannum at VT Emergency Management regarding the location of a second reception center for Windham County evacuation purposes. Paul will contact Ed Anthes to request his input regarding this site before the Board responds to Mr. Hannum's letter.

Correspondence was received from Bob Fisher regarding the mediation which led to the conceptual settlement of the dispute concerning the Cyril Z. Meadow Institute's Land Use Permit Amendment Application #2W1104-4. Tom moved and Shorty seconded to authorize Laurie to write a letter to Bob giving the Selectboard's approval of this settlement; so moved.

A request was received from the Windham County Humane Society for an appropriation of \$700 for the year 2006. As the 2006-2007 budget has been finalized and they are listed for an appropriation of \$500, Kevin moved and Paul seconded that any surplus funds from the animal control budget at the end of this fiscal year be donated to the Windham County Humane Society.

Articles for the upcoming *Views of Dummerston*, written by Tom Bodett and Amy Dews were distributed. All Board members commended Tom and Amy for a job well done.

Correspondence was received from Sheriff Sheila Prue regarding an upcoming meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7PM to discuss the sheriff department's billing practices. Shorty will attend this meeting; Paul will also try to attend.

Notice was received from the USDA regarding the two sites in Slab Hollow which are eligible for the Emergency Watershed Protection program.

Other correspondence for review included: end-of-year statistical report from Windham County Sheriff's Department; notice from FEMA of public meeting regarding flood plain to be held at Dummerston Grange on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7PM; letter from Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean to Robert Johnson/West Street Arts regarding zoning violation at 182 West St.; invitation from Brattleboro Community TV to reception; information from Terry Martin, candidate for Windham County Sheriff; VLCT February 2006 newsletter.

A Pre-Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM in the school gym. This meeting will be held in conjunction with the School Board.

It was clarified that the crusher has been removed from the Capital Budget.

Cindy will invite the candidates for the Selectboard to the two meetings being held prior to Town Meeting so that they may become familiar with the meeting process.

Cindy requested to have the topic of Town Manager/Administrator placed on the agenda for a future meeting.

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

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant