

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

Members Present: Chair Cindy Jerome, Vice-Chair Paul Normandeau, Clerk Kevin Ryan, Tom Bodett and Lewis White

Also Present: John Angil, Larry Lynch, Lester Dunklee, Kate Casa from *The Commons*, Ed Anthes, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Kevin moved and Lewis seconded to approve the minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup> along with Warrants 8 and 8P. Paul requested to have the minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup> amended to specify that the Windmill Hill reference is to an ongoing septic problem at that location. The warrants were approved.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported on his recent conversation with John Alexander from the VT Department of Transportation. There are no funds left in this year's budget to assist in paying for repairs to the covered bridge; Mr. Alexander recommended that the Town apply again next year.

Wayne reported that 1397 yards of sand have been processed from the new gravel pit and stored at the Town Yard.

A trim board on the east end of the covered bridge was recently torn off by an RV. The RV's license number has been turned in to the Sheriff's Department for investigation.

Wayne advised the Board that the bridge going into the new gravel pit must meet MSHA regulations. In a preliminary inspection, eleven preventative citations were issued by MSHA regarding the gravel pit. Wayne assured the Board the problems will be corrected and the site re-inspected.

On a motion from Tom and second by Kevin, the Board accepted the bid from F.R. Lafayette in the amount of \$6100 to install guardrails on the bridge. The motion passed 4-0, with one abstention.

Tom reminded Wayne that the new hours of operation for the gravel pit should be 8am-5pm as part of the Act 250 permit. Paul introduced the idea of changing the road crew's work hours from 6am-2:30pm during the fall and winter months to possibly make more efficient use of the crew's time. After much discussion, Cindy asked Wayne to come to the next meeting with a proposal to adjust the work schedule for the road crew.

The Board recognized John Angil from Vermont Emergency Management. He had not read the Board's letter dated October 4, 2006; Cindy presented him with a copy to review. Mr. Angil advised the Board that he has no response to any issues prior to February of 2006; he can only move forward. He reported that the new turnaround time for town plans is five days.

Cindy asked Mr. Angil to clarify whether or not transportation will be provided to all special needs persons; he responded "Yes". Cindy also asked about the possibility of a full evacuation drill of the entire EPZ, not just Dummerston; his answer was "No".

Larry questioned Mr. Angil about the evacuation of day care centers. He responded that the Emergency Management Director (EMD) and/or the Selectboard Chair have the authority to order that evacuation and that transportation will be provided.

Cindy requested that previously requested changes be incorporated into the 2005 plan that is currently being revised. Laurie will pull the letters and give them to Mr. Angil, who ` to have a new plan completed and given to the Board by November 8, 2006.

Tom questioned the status of the Code Red program; it is going ahead. The State of Vermont is planning to begin testing on a Reverse 9-1-1 program in December. Larry asked how many Dummerston resident telephone numbers are included in the Code Red database and how can we find out? There was no response.

Cindy asked about the status of emergency sirens. Mr. Angil responded that Entergy provides sirens and their maintenance while the plant is still in operation. The sirens actually belong to the individual towns.

Paul asked who to call for transportation. The EMD's are to call the Incident Field Office (IFO).

Ed Anthes questioned the "shelter in place" concept and asked how many people truly have a "safe place" in their home.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch who reported on his recent conversation with Mary Ann Wilson from Entergy VT Yankee. She advised Larry that Dummerston is scheduled to receive three emergency sirens in 2007.

The Board recognized Fire Department Trustees, Larry Lynch and Lester Dunklee who reported on the recent elections held in the Dummerston Fire Department. The following officers were elected: Fire Chief, Marty Forrett; First Assistant Fire Chief, Lee Chamberlin; Second Assistant Fire Chief, Allen Pike.

The Board received a request from HCRS of Southeastern Vermont for a \$1000 appropriation for FY 2008. This request will be reviewed during the budget preparation process.

The Board agreed to form an Ancient Road Committee. Lewis will head this committee, consisting of himself, Wayne and Paul, and will invite Shorty Forrett, Doug Hamilton and Norris Evans to join them.

The Board discussed the upcoming Act 250 Hearing on the SB Land Partnership Gravel Pit, to be held at the Town Office on October 24<sup>th</sup>. There is a question as to whether or not a zoning permit is required. Cindy and/or Paul will contact Alan McBean for clarification. Paul will represent the Selectboard at the hearing. Some of the Board's concerns are traffic, crushing and screening, and hours of operation.

The Board reviewed an invoice from Renaud Brothers in the amount of \$210,500; no action was taken at this time.

The Board discussed financing options for the new gravel pit. On a motion from Lewis and second by Kevin, the Board moved to take out a 3.85% variable rate loan at Chittenden Bank; to be renewable annually. Cindy moved and Tom seconded to authorize Paul to sign the loan papers for the Town; the motion passed.

Consideration of the Farmland Protection Guidelines was tabled as the Farmland Committee is currently reviewing them.

The Board discussed the funding options to make the Town Hall handicapped accessible. A quote has been received from Steve Glabach for less than \$1000 for the work to be done. The Trustees of the Church asked that consideration be given to flower gardens, drainage and placement of tent posts. They would also like a letter detailing work to be done. David Ryan has agreed to be the BCA contact. On a motion from Paul and second by Kevin, the Board approved spending up to \$1000 for the new parking space and access ramp required to meet handicapped accessibility requirements. The motion passed on a 4-1 vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 PM.

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant