

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, Clerk Kevin Ryan and Tom Bodett

Member Absent: Lewis White

Also Present: Linda Aiken, Maria Glabach, Jean Newell, Lester Dunklee, Larry Lynch, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Kevin moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes from October 25th and Warrants 10 and 10P. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Town Auditors Jean Newell, Maria Glabach and Linda Aiken who discussed the upcoming Town Report. The Auditors advised the Board that they plan to hire Laurie Frechette as the typist for the report. The Selectboard gave their approval and expressed their gratitude to the Auditors for all of their hard work.

The Board recognized Larry Lynch and Lester Dunklee from Emergency Management. Larry reported that the updated RERP is not yet complete. It should be delivered to the Town Office on Thursday, November 9th. Larry met with John Angil and others from VT Emergency Management (VEM) on Monday to work on the updates. Larry advised Mr. Angil once again that if the Dummerston School should be evacuated, all daycare centers located in Dummerston will be evacuated as well.

Lester advised the Board that the final payment for \$600 from the Community Center was submitted to the Town in June and has not yet been processed. Pam is looking into the situation and will get in touch with the Community Center trustees to advise them of her findings.

Larry questioned the Board about the \$9000 grant from VEM which has been targeted for an emergency exit from the EOC (the upstairs of the Town Office). Larry will request bids from Claude Gouin and Jim Evans, to be presented at the next Board meeting on November 21st. Larry asked Tom to purchase the budgeted air conditioner for \$400 and submit the bill for payment.

Wayne presented the Board with his accumulated vacation/sick/personal time hours that he recently received from the Town Office. His balance of vacation days is 28 ½ and he expressed his concern over the possibility of losing some of them, as the Town's personnel policy states that a maximum of 10 unused vacation days may be carried over to the next year. The Board will discuss the situation and respond to Wayne at a later date.

Wayne advised the Board that Lafayettes will be installing the guardrails at the new gravel pit on November 28th. To date, the Town has stockpiled 3756 yards of gravel from the new pit.

Wayne's prediction for the first plowable snowstorm is December 16th.

The Board received a request from the Town Auditors to submit the Selectboard's report for the Town's Annual Report; Tom will write it and submit it before the deadline.

The Board reviewed a request from Peter Richards at Richards Group, who wishes to present a proposal for the Town's fire & casualty and general liability insurance. Paul will send him information on our current policies and invite him to submit a bid.

The Board reviewed letters sent to the Sheriff's Department Carla Belyea and Art Avery, both residents of the Hague Road/Leverwood Lane neighborhood regarding an ongoing issue with a vicious dog. Paul reported that the Sheriff's Dept. has issued three notices of violation to the dog's owner, Roy Sara. The deputy will follow up tomorrow (11/9) regarding the matter of the dog's not being licensed. The Board gave their approval for the Sheriff's Department to pursue impoundment of the dog.

Paul reported that the surveyor has begun work on Hopkins Road/Beaver Pond Road; there is no further information available at this time.

The Board reviewed and discussed the second draft of the letter calling for the repeal of Act 60/68. Paul moved and Tom seconded to approve the second draft. Cindy moved to amend the letter by changing the word "disgust" to "dismay". On a second from Tom, the motion passed as amended by a unanimous vote.

The Board reviewed and authorized Cindy to sign a letter of understanding between the Town and Pieciak & Co. regarding the upcoming audit.

On a motion from Tom and second by Paul, the Board signed the Dog Warrant.

Paul moved and Tom seconded to accept the Dummerston Farmland Protection Fund guidelines as presented. The motion passed.

Cindy advised the Board that she and Town Health Officer, Mary Lafayette have attended meetings on Pandemic Flu planning. She is working on a plan and will continue to keep the Board updated.

The Board reviewed a survey on Ancient Roads received from VT Agency of Transportation. Lewis will be asked to complete and submit the survey.

Cindy reported to the Board on some matters from the Planning Commission. They have requested to have at least one member of the Selectboard attend their presentation on 11/9; Paul will represent the Board. The Planning Commission is considering the development of a Noise Ordinance for the Town and requested feedback from the Board. Paul will contact Steve Mindel and advise that the Board gives their approval to pursue contact with no guarantee of passage.

Cindy reported to the Board on a recent conversation with Heidi Fischer, the Town's representative to Rescue, Inc., who advised her of several tumultuous issues which have arisen in Rescue's operation.

The Selectboard and School Board will be holding a joint meeting with area state legislators on Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm in the Historical Society.

At 9:38pm, Cindy moved and Paul seconded to adjourn the meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board ended Executive Session at 10:13pm and immediately reconvened the regular meeting.

Cindy moved to allow Wayne Emery to carry over 15 vacation days to next year, as a one-time exception to the Town's personnel rules. Tom seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant
Kevin Ryan, Clerk