

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, Tom Bodett and Lewis White

Member Absent: Kevin Ryan

Also Present: Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Paul moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes from December 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, as well as Warrants 14 and 14P.

The Board reviewed an invoice from Zaluzny for work done on Clark Road, leading into the new gravel pit. Laurie was instructed to send a bill to the Town of Putney for one-half of the invoice.

The Board reviewed a letter from Mary Ellen Copeland, the Chairperson of the Conservation Commission regarding the biodiversity project. Cindy will coordinate a meeting between the Selectboard, Conservation Commission, Planning Commission, Development Review Board, and the Zoning Administrator to discuss this project.

On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board appointed Patti Smith to the Planning Commission.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the new truck is now in service. An early mud season has begun and the road crew has been putting gravel on the affected roads.

Wayne advised the Board that most of the firewood has been removed from the new gravel pit.

Paul questioned the status of the Town's concerns regarding the Act 250 amended application for the VT-NH Veterinary Clinic. Laurie reviewed her conversation with Linda Matteson and reminded the Board of her email advising them of the need of a letter from the Selectboard to explain their concerns. Cindy will contact Linda Matteson to discuss these concerns.

The Board reviewed the 2007 Certificate of Highway Mileage. On a motion from Paul and second by Tom, the Board approved and signed the certificate as is, with no changes.

The Board revisited the request from Hannah Parker at the Dummerston School for \$350 from the Miller Fund for a Dummerston student to participate in movement therapy. On a motion from Tom and second by Lewis, the Board granted the request.

**The Board reviewed and signed the applications from Putnam Insurance for the new Public Officials Bonds.**

The Board reviewed the FY 2008 proposed budget. After much discussion, Paul made a motion to accept a budget of \$808,068. After a second by Tom, the motion passed.

The Board discussed the article to be presented at Town Meeting regarding the purchase of a new rescue truck for the West Dummerston Volunteer Fire Department.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Paul Normandeau, Vice-Chair

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant