

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: Auditors Linda Aiken, Maria Glabach and Jean Newell, Virginia Carter, Andrew MacFarland, Larry Lynch, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Paul moved and Tom seconded to approve the minutes from January 17<sup>th</sup>, as well as Warrants 16 and 16P.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the road crew has been busy cutting brush due to the recent ice storm. A large hole has developed on Camp Arden Road. It has been filled in with rocks; Wayne will keep an eye on it.

Paul questioned Wayne about the road crew's overtime on January 16<sup>th</sup>. Wayne will check into it and report back to Paul tomorrow.

The Board discussed their transportation project priorities for the state legislators. Along with the green iron bridge and the decking on the covered bridge, Wayne suggested work on Beaver Pond Road and a turnaround at the top of Hague Road.

The Board reviewed the Warning for Town Meeting. On a motion by Paul and second from Kevin, the Board unanimously voted to remove the article pertaining to the distribution of property tax prebate/rebate payments to the town. Paul has spoken with VLCT and the Secretary of State's office, who both advised him that this decision may be made by the Selectboard and does not have to go to a town-wide vote.

On a motion from Tom and second by Paul, the Board voted to add a request to grant tax exempt status to the Dummerston Center Grange for a period of one year.

The Board discussed a letter from a citizen regarding parking on Stickney Brook Road. Wayne has discussed the issue with the property owner and will discuss it with him again.

An invitation was received from Marie Caduto to a meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> regarding the Williamsville Station swimming areas. The invitation will be passed along to the Planning Commission.

Kevin will provide a system for lowering the flag to half mast as needed.

Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch and the Board discussed the revisions to the RERP.

The Board discussed the Planning Commission's request to revise the Telecommunications Ordinance. Paul researched the rules for changing this ordinance. On a motion from Tom and second by Kevin, the Board voted to change the Telecommunications Ordinance to the language suggested by the Planning Commission: Section 1.6 to read "Wireless telecommunications towers or facilities may be permitted as a conditional use upon compliance with the provisions of this ordinance in the Reserve District. It is the Town Policy that communications towers should be prohibited from Conservation and Forest Reserve districts."

Paul moved and Tom seconded to sign the Petition and Order for Pole and Wire Locations on Camp Arden Road. The motion passed unanimously.

On a motion from Paul and second by Kevin, the Board signed the 2005 Listers Certificate.

On a motion from Paul and second by Tom, the Board signed the Amendment #1 to the Park and Ride Grant.

Paul moved and Kevin seconded to sign the Petition and Order for Pole and Wire Locations on Dummerston Station Road. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed a Miller Fund request received through Carol Lynch. Tom moved and Cindy seconded to provide \$680 for conference costs to a medical conference. The motion passed.

The Board discussed a Miller Fund request received through Teri Robinson. Tom moved and Paul seconded to provide \$40 for education costs. The motion passed.

Paul spoke with David Patriquin about the idea of moving the Lydia Taft Pratt Library to the Dummerston School and consolidating with the school library. David will bring up the issue to the library trustees.

Paul spoke with Lew Sorenson about appointments to the Development Review Board (5 members and 2 alternates).

Paul spoke with Bill Banta concerning Hopkins Road. The discussion is ongoing.

The Board discussed the first draft of the job description for the Town Road Foreman. Cindy will revise it and email it to the Board. The Board hopes to begin interviewing candidates for the position on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Candidates' Night has been tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion from Paul and second by Kevin, the Board signed the dog warrant.

Cindy and Tom discussed the need to talk with the Listers about appeals at a future Board meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:32 PM.

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant  
Kevin Ryan, Clerk