

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

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

Also Present: Frank & Pam Butler, Virginia Carter, Amy Dews, John Evans, Marty Forrett, Mark Kracum, Jack Lilly, Jody Normandeau, David Patriquin, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Paul and second from Andrew, the Board approved the minutes from April 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

Cindy moved and Lewis seconded to pay Warrants 22, 22A and 22P. The motion passed

The Board recognized Fire Chief, Marty Forrett, who presented the Board with a form from the State of Vermont to appoint a Town Forest Fire Warden for a term of five (5) years. On a motion from Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board signed the form, appointing Marty Forrett to the post.

Marty presented the Board with a purchase agreement for the new rescue truck between the Town of Dummerston and E-ONE, Inc. in the amount of \$112,500, \$70,000 of which will be provided by the Town and \$42,500 of which will be provided by the Fire Department. Marty presented the Board with several financing options. The Board determined that the lump sum option, which would avoid any interest is the best option but the Town cannot meet the required condition that payment be made within 30 days of signing the purchase agreement. The Board advised Marty that payment cannot be made until after July 1, 2007. On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board authorized Tom to sign the agreement contingent on successful negotiation of an agreement with E-ONE which will allow the Town to take advantage of the no interest lump sum payment option, as long as payment can be made after July 1, 2007.

The Board recognized Frank and Pam Butler, who spoke to the Board regarding the Development Review Board (DRB)'s decision #3029 giving them permission to erect a fence along East-West Road. As a condition of the variance, the Butlers requested written approval from the Town to build in the Town's Right-of-Way. On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board moved to grant approval after receipt of a waiver of liability for the Town.

The Board recognized John Evans and Jack Lilly from the Nature Reserve & Trail Committee, who spoke to the Board regarding the proposed 2.2 mile loop trail on Prospect Hill. They hope to eventually connect this trail with the Putney Mountain trail. The Selectboard thanked them again for all of their hard work.

The Board recognized School Board Chair, Amy Dews and Chairman of the Lydia Taft Pratt (LTP) Library Board of Trustees, David Patriquin. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of merging the LTP Library with the School's library. Jody Normandeau urged everyone to work together to find a mutually acceptable solution. It was agreed that Amy and David would identify members of their respective Boards who will meet and discuss further the possibility of merging services.

Amy invited all interested Selectboard members to attend upcoming meetings with State legislators, school superintendents and school board members.

Wayne spoke to the Board about the Carpenter Gravel Pit. He hopes to sit down with the Selectboards from Dummerston and Putney before his retirement date to discuss his concerns.

The Board reviewed the 2008 Enhancements Program received from the VT Agency of Transportation. Wayne will do further research this program further to see if the Town can benefit from this program.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Hague Road resident, Barbara Rocray regarding recent storm damage in her front yard. Wayne will contact Ms. Rocray and discuss possible solutions to her concerns.

The Board authorized Tom to sign the equipment bid sheet from Tenco that was approved at the last meeting.

The Board reviewed bids received from Dave Manning, Inc. (\$7500) and Springfield Paving (\$7300) to pave the roadway at the Carpenter Gravel Pit. On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board awarded the bid to the lowest bidder, Springfield Paving.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter from Margaret Everitt regarding the new road foreman's position and transportation issues. Tom will respond to Ms. Everitt.

The Board reviewed and discussed an invoice received from Dompier Electric for work done on the generator at the Town Office. The Board authorized Laurie to pay the invoice on the next warrant.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board authorized Laurie to transfer the \$1829.13 left in the Reappraisal Fund to the CD being opened up at TD Banknorth for the next reappraisal.

Paul reported to the Board that the covered bridge plaque is being worked on at Abbiati Monuments.

The Board reviewed the RERP proposed revisions recently received from VT Emergency Management. The proposed revisions were not accepted by the Board; Cindy will advise VEM of this decision.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board moved to appoint Lee Chamberlin as Road Foreman, effective June 15, 2007. **His** new pay scale will take effect on June 3, 2007.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board tabled discussion on the Animal Control ordinance until a later meeting. In the meantime, Tom will speak with the Sheriff's Department about this issue.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board signed the road work order for Slab Hollow state funds.

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the Zoning By-laws from the Planning Commission. The Board will hold a public hearing on these changes on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30PM; the regular Selectboard meeting to immediately follow.

Tom spoke to the Board about the BCA work session to be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:02PM.

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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant