

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Bodett 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: Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin; Rich Cogliano, Susan Daigler, Heidi Fischer, Marty Forrett, Doug Hamilton, Beverly Knapp, Jean Newell, Jody Normandeau and Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board approved the minutes from September 12<sup>th</sup> and payment of Warrants 7 and 7P.

The Board recognized the Board of Listers – Doug Hamilton, Beverly Knapp and Jean Newell. Members of the Selectboard expressed their concern about the Listers' year-to-date expenditures, especially the salary line. Doug voiced his concern that not enough funds had been allocated originally. After some discussion, it was decided that the Listers will meet with the Selectboard quarterly to review their budget. The Selectboard thanked the Listers for attending the meeting and for everything they do for the Town.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that the project in Slab Hollow is in progress, with a hopeful completion date of October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Lee updated the Board on the status of the closed bridge on Tucker Reed Road. He is still waiting for word from the State on whether or not a stream alteration permit will be needed before work may begin.

Two new culverts have been installed on both Beaver Pond Road and Wickopee Hill Road. The new turnaround at the top of Hague Road is nearly complete.

Lee will contact Bill Banta about moving the large stones along Hopkins Road.

Jody Normandeau questioned Lee about the center line painting on Middle Road and why the entire road was not done. Lee and Cindy explained that only \$2000 was budgeted for line painting in this fiscal year; only four miles could be painted.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board approved a request from the Lydia Taft Pratt Library to use the Town's bulk mail stamp for their annual fundraising letter.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board authorized Tom to sign a grant request for the Lydia Taft Pratt Library.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Vernon Selectboard to schedule a meeting of several area Selectboards to discuss Rescue, Inc.; no action was taken.

The Board reviewed an email from Dan Marx, expressing his wish to join the Energy Committee. Tom has forwarded his letter to Alex Wilson.

The Board signed the Personnel Policy which was approved at the September 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Board briefly reviewed the Treasurer's report on year-to-date revenues and expenditures. Paul questioned Laurie about the accounting for tax payments received and payments due to the school. He requested that she check with NEMRC and/or VLCT to find out how other towns handle this issue. She will report back to the Board on her findings.

Tom presented the update on the VELCO/Southern Loop. All letters from the Town have been submitted by today's deadline.

Lewis reported that the Emergency Management Director Search Committee will meet on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Susan Daigler offered to serve as a member of this committee; her offer was happily accepted.

The Board discussed the use of the copier and computer printers in the Town Office by appointed committee members. It was agreed that the members should be allowed to use this equipment, providing the use is not excessive.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Andrew, the Board signed the Dog Warrant.

The Board reviewed the 2008 renewal application for Property & Casualty Insurance from VLCT. Andrew will request a bid from Richards Group as well.

The Board reviewed the loan renewal paperwork from Chittenden Bank for the Carpenter Gravel Pit. On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board authorized Tom to sign the loan application.

On a motion by Cindy and second from Paul, the Board appointed Alan McBean as Interim Zoning Administrator until a replacement can be found.

Cindy updated the Board on the terms for the recently appointed members of the Housing Advisory Commission. They are as follows: 1-year terms (expire March 2008) David Baxendale, Larry Cassidy and Elizabeth Catlin. 2-year terms (expire March 2009) Cindy Jerome, David Ryan, Diana Wahle and Tonia Wheeler. 3-year terms (expire March 2010) Greg Brown, Andrew MacFarland, Regina Rockefeller and John Wilcox.

The Board recognized Heidi Fischer, Dummerston's representative to Rescue, Inc., along with Marty Forrett, Lee Chamberlin, Rich Cogliano and Larry Lynch from the Fire Department. Much discussion took place regarding Rescue's current services and possible options for future ambulance/emergency service. Andrew thanked Heidi for everything she does in her various roles at Rescue and also thanked the members of the Fire Department for all of their hard work.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55PM.

October 10, 2007  
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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant