

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: Charlotte Neer Annis, Ruth Barton, Dan Brown, Virginia Carter, Amy Dews, Mark Kracum, Jody Normandeau, Paul Heintz from the *Brattleboro Reformer* and Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Lewis, the Board approved the minutes from September 26<sup>th</sup>.

On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the Board approved payment of Warrants 8 and 8P.

The Board recognized School Board members Amy Dews, Charlotte Neer Annis and Dan Brown. The two Boards discussed several different ways that some school costs might be shifted from the School's budget to the Town's budget. Some of the ideas included paving and graveling the driveway and parking lot; subsidizing some of the lunch program costs, and shifting the Middle School sports program from the school to the Town's Recreation Board.

The Selectboard and School Board will hold a joint meeting with the State Legislators on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7PM at the school. They will invite the Selectboard and School Board from Putney to attend as well.

Lewis presented Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin's report. Lee and Laurie will meet with Matt Mann from the Windham Regional Commission tomorrow to prepare a grant application for the work to be done on Stickney Brook Road. On a motion from Lewis and second by Paul, the Board authorized Tom to sign an agreement between the Town and Bob & Betty Karg regarding the change in the road.

The bridge on Tucker Reed Road has been reopened.

The Slab Hollow project has been completed. Members of the Board expressed their disappointment with the engineering of the retaining wall along School House Road.

On a motion by Paul and second by Andrew, the Board endorsed a proclamation for Youth Services on the occasion of its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board selected Mark Brown as the Town's Coordinator for Green Up Day 2008 (May 3<sup>rd</sup>).

On a motion by Andrew and second by Cindy, the Board authorized Tom to sign a request for Windham Regional Commission to place three traffic tubes on West Street, Middle Road and School House Road.

The Board reviewed a letter written by Stephanie Pletcher to Mark Kracum regarding his dogs running loose on Camp Arden Road. After discussing the situation with Mr. Kracum, the Board strongly advised him to keep his dogs restrained. The Board also informed that he is in violation of our current nuisance dog ordinance and subject to citation from the Sheriff's Department.

The Board briefly discussed a potential animal control ordinance. Jody Normandeau spoke of her opposition to a leash law. On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the Board moved to add a discussion of an animal control ordinance to a future agenda.

The Board reviewed a letter written by the Guilford Selectboard to Rescue, Inc.'s Board of Directors regarding the Confidentiality Agreement that Rescue's board members are required to sign. If this policy is not revoked in the near future, the Board will consider writing a similar letter expressing their displeasure with this policy.

There was no update on the VELCO/Southern Loop.

There was no update on the search for a new Emergency Management Director. Laurie was asked to email the drafted job description to the Board.

Tom reported that the Board is waiting for a recommendation from the Planning Commission for a new Zoning Administrator.

The Board reviewed a request from Susan McCanna at the Dummerston School for \$950 from the Miller Fund to subsidize nutritious snacks for the kindergarten students whose parents cannot afford the fee. On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the request was granted.

A decision on signing the Certificates of Change to the 2006 and 2007 Grand Lists was tabled until the next meeting; Tom will request further information from the Listers.

The Board discussed at length the consideration of hiring a Town Administrator. Lewis and Paul expressed their vehement opposition to the proposal. After much discussion, the Board decided not to pursue the idea further at this time.

Andrew reported to the Board on the Housing Advisory Commission's plan to have a Housing Needs Assessment done for the Town. The anticipated cost for a gap analysis and needs assessment is approximately \$5000; the Commission is in the process of applying for a grant for this project.

Tom reported on the recent Ancient Roads Committee meeting. To date, ten roads have been identified as ancient roads. The next committee meeting will be held on October 30<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

The Board's next Goals Meeting will be held on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:45PM at the Town Office.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44PM.

October 24, 2007

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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant