

UNAPPROVED

SELECTBOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2007

7:30PM

Present: Tom Bodett, Cindy Jerome, Lewis White, Paul Normandeau, Andrew MacFarland

Also Present: Jo-Jean Normandeau, Keith Clark, Pam McFadden, Steve Mindel, Lee Chamberlin, Virginia Carter, Alan McBean at 7:55, Heidi Fischer at 8:40 and Rick Hege at 8:40.

Tom called the meeting to order at 7:30.

On a motion from Paul and a second from Lewis, the minutes of October 24 were approved.

On a motion from Lewis and a second from Cindy, Warrants 10 and 10P were approved.

Keith Clark, Windham County Sheriff discussed traffic enforcement efforts in Dummerston in 2007. He presented statistics and outlined some changes made in procedures regarding warnings and enforcement. Sheriff Clark noted that many of the complaints from Dummerston residents are for speeders on East-West Road, which is a very difficult road to stop speeders on because of the lack of safe effective spots to place a cruiser with radar and then to safely pull over and ticket offenders. He also noted that the Department has no effective working speed signs and carts right now but is working on getting them repaired and in use. The Board noted the substantial decrease in ticket revenues this year, which suggests a reduction in enforcement action. All agreed that there will be additional efforts made in the coming months to have a more prominent Department presence in Dummerston.

Sheriff Clark confirmed that the Windham County Sheriff's Department is the Animal Control Officer for Dummerston.

Lee presented the road report. Road counts have come back with numbers showing 150 trips per day on Quarry Road, 120 on Houghton Road, 309 on Sunset Lake Road. Both Miller Road and Kipling Road will need to be redone. None of the counts meet the threshold of 400 that allows a change in class and increased state reimbursement. Lee suggested we get a count on Green Mt. Camp Road as well. All agreed.

The site visit and hearing for the Stickney Brook Rd. project was confirmed for December 1.

Lee discussed the High Bridge status and noted that there is money available from the State this year, which would need to be used in the next two years. He is getting estimates for the projected cost of repairs and will bring the numbers back to the Board.

Steve Mindel and Alan McBean discussed Alan's resignation as Zoning Administrator, effective December 1, and the need to define the hours and pay

for the position so it can be advertised. Alan is currently spending about 10 hours per week but feels like the need is greater. He reviewed various aspects of the job, estimated the time required and summarized by recommending that the position be 18 to 20 hours per week. He also suggested that the pay for the position be increased to \$15 to \$18 per hour. After discussion, the Board, noting the numerous areas of likely increase in the upcoming budget, agreed to commit to 12 hours per week and a salary range of \$12 to \$15 per hour, based on experience. Steve will write and run an ad in the Reformer, Pam will circulate on a statewide website used by towns and Laurie will be asked to notify surrounding town Zoning Administrators who might be interested or know of interested applicants. The Board ended the discussion by thanking Alan for all the work he put into the position and the excellent job he did.

The Board discussed the memo from the Cemetery Committee. The Board acknowledged the work the members have put into improving cemeteries, organizing information and clarifying procedures. All agreed the Committee should clarify the scope of brush clearing with Wayne Holden and there is no need for a Selectboard member to be involved. There were a number of questions about the proposed signs. The Board will ask for clearer images, photos or local examples of the types of signs to help determine what makes sense. All agreed, however, that the signs should be wooden and of good quality, since they will be prominent and around for a long time.

Heidi Fischer and Rick Hege summarized recent developments at Rescue and presented information on the ways they have reorganized financially and the challenges remaining. They outlined the plans for the November 14 joint meeting with area towns and encouraged board members to attend and come with questions. Their goal is to get a list of Town concerns and preferences and use them to help the planning process at Rescue. Rick told the board Rescue will be asking for a \$19 per resident subsidy from Dummerston in the coming year.

The Board discussed progress on the Emergency Management Director position. An ad will be in the upcoming Dummerston Views, which has been delayed because of computer problems.

Paul noted that we're still waiting for a VLCT quote for our Property and Casualty insurance but should receive it soon.

Approved: _____

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

