

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Tom Bodett at 7:00PM at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Member Absent: Lewis White

Also Present: Administrative Assistant, Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board approved the minutes from November 7th and the payment of Warrants 11 and 11P.

Paul spoke to the Board regarding an unused 50-gallon gas tank at the Town Garage that Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin wishes to remove from the premises. Lee has been in contact with someone who will take it away at no charge; the Board gave their approval.

There was no update on the Stickney Brook Road project; the site visit is scheduled for Saturday, December 1st at 10:00AM.

The Board reviewed the Ancient Roads survey from the Vermont Agency of Transportation, which is due by December 21st. Tom will complete and submit the survey.

The Board reviewed a request from Vermont Trails & Greenways Council for a \$30 appropriation to be included in the FY 2009 budget. Laurie was asked to find out if this organization is affiliated with VAST and to inform the Board.

There was no update on the search for a new Emergency Management Director.

Several resumes have been received for the Zoning Administrator's position; they have been forwarded to the Planning Commission.

The Board reviewed and compared proposals for Property & Casualty Insurance from VLCT and the Richards Group. On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board moved to continue the Town's coverage with VLCT for 2008. Paul will contact Peter Richards to inform him of the Board's decision and thank him for submitting his proposal.

Paul moved to sign the Road Findings for Hopkins Road and Sugar House Road. Andrew seconded the motion and it passed.

Andrew and Paul reported on the November 14th meeting with area towns on the current situation with Rescue, Inc. It was very productive on both sides; more meetings will be held in the future.

Tom spoke to the Board about changing the wording of the animal nuisance ordinance and making it more specific. He stated his feeling that this is an urgent matter and the ordinance needs to be changed to give more protection to complainants and direction to law enforcement officers. Both Andrew and Paul reported on their conversations with Jennifer Jerome about problems she is having with dogs on her property and her frequent complaints to and visits by the Sheriff's Department. After an extensive discussion and review of the existing ordinance, all agreed it needs to be revised, although there are numerous opinions about proposed language. It was decided that Tom will work on a draft of a revised animal nuisance ordinance and bring it to the Board in the near future.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM.

December 5, 2007
Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant