

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

Organization of the Selectboard: A motion was made and passed to keep the same officers as last year: Paul Normandeau, Chairman; Shorty Forrett, Vice-Chairman; Lester Dunklee, Clerk.

Members Present: Paul Normandeau, Chairman; Lester Dunklee, Clerk; Jack Manix and Cindy Jerome.

Also Present: Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Beverly Knapp.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of February 19, 2003 and to pay Warrants 18 & 18P.

If the Town does not receive a response within two weeks from our letter to Alibe Lewis, Vermont Emergency Management Director, Jack recommended that the Board do a follow-up letter to him. The Town has received a letter from Agency of Transportation requesting notification of when and which Town Class 2 roads are scheduled for repair/retreatment in order for them to schedule marking the centerlines. A letter has been received from the Sheriff's Department advising the procedure for the Town to collect a percentage of funds by traffic ticket revenue. This extends to roads that are maintained by the state that traverse our town.

Ker-Westerlund & Fleming Funeral Home called the office regarding the Town paying for the cost of the cremation of Gary Clement who died in a house fire on Rice Farm Road in Dummerston. Mr. Clement died insolvent and the funeral home indicated to Paul that the Town is liable for the cost. Paul will research information to see if this is true.

Wayne reported that the highway department has been making "cut-outs" and winging back snow banks; many hours have been spent on snow storms. There will be a first-aid class for the highway department at the Newfane fire station on Friday, March 21st; this is required by Mine, Safety and Health Administration.

A motion was made and passed to make several appointments to various town positions - please see attached list. The appointment of Zoning Administrator and Acting Zoning Administrator will be made in April after the Planning Commission has their meeting. The Planning Commission appoints these two positions with the approval of the Selectboard.

A motion was made and passed to sign the Redetermination of Equalized Education Property Value and Coefficient of Dispersion received from Property Valuation and Review, dated February 25, 2003. The Common Level of Appraisal increased from 90.26 to 91.51%. The Coefficient of Dispersion lowered from 13.93 to 12.04%. The Listers had appealed 4 sales the State had included in their Sales Analysis, and the result was in favor of the Town.

The Board agreed to approve the request from the Dummerston Grange to place two picnic tables on the Common and to approve the request from one of the committees working on the 250th town anniversary celebration for a tent for Old Home Day.

Jack asked that the Board review articles on the Town Warning to see if any need to be answered or advised.

Goals for the Board were reviewed-some have already been completed and other goals have been added.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 PM.

Approved _____

Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp
Administrative Assistant

March 19th Meeting: Allen Pike and Larry Lynch

April 2nd: Sheriff Sheila Prue