

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

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

Also Present: Windham County Sheriff Sheila Prue and Captain John Melvin, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Ron Wright and Beverly Knapp.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of March 19<sup>th</sup> and to pay Warrants 20 and 20P.

The Board reviewed problem areas in Dummerston with Sheriff Prue and Captain Melvin: speeding, "no tolerance" policy and areas of suspected drug activity. Captain Melvin stated that a "no tolerance" policy regarding speed seemed to work well, but continued surveillance is also needed. Cindy noted that speed on West Street is a problem. Response to homeowner alarms and charges to the town were also discussed and the town may need to discuss an ordinance referencing this. Sheriff Prue also reviewed a new law regarding the procedure for the town to collect a percentage of traffic ticket revenue from violations occurring on Route 30 and US RT 5. Warnings v tickets were discussed; the Sheriff's Department will be in this area on Old Home Day (May 24<sup>th</sup>).

Ron Wright spoke to the Board regarding Windham Solid Waste; it is doing well for this first half. There are about six meetings per year. The area of the recycling bins at the Dummerston Neighbor's Store is extremely messy. Ron said that cameras for various locations may become available and this might be helpful in addressing this problem.

Road Foreman's report: The highway department has used 1,558 yards of gravel and stone since March 17<sup>th</sup> addressing mud areas in town. The State will be grinding pavement from I-91 and Wayne asked if some may become available for the town. This could possibly be used for areas on Hague and Stickney Brook Roads. A prioritized plan will have to be addressed for the worst areas. A Mine, Safety and Health Administration eight hour training class will be held on April 14 at the Grange. A motion was made and passed to sign the Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways.

A letter has been received from the Dummerston School requesting \$251 from the Miller Fund to replace glasses for a needy child. A motion was made and passed to send a check in the amount of \$251 to Dr. Jenifer Ambler for the new glasses.

A letter from Property Valuation & Review dated March 27<sup>th</sup> has been received denying the appeal of Stephen Space.

A motion was made and passed to sign an Agreement (with Paul's approval) between Windham Regional Commission (WRC) and the Town of Dummerston to have WRC provide the town with professional services and guidance in the project management and grant administration regarding the Community Center and to reimburse the WRC at a rate of \$40 per hour for actual time spent in performance of the work. Total amount paid the WRC for these services shall not exceed \$2610. Someone from the town needs to oversee the project.

A motion was made and seconded to sign Tobacco Licenses for MKF, Inc. and Dummerston Neighbors. VOTE: Paul, Shorty, Lester **YES**; Cindy and Jack **NO**. Motion passed.

A motion was made and passed to approve the Planning Commission's appointments of Jean Momaney as Zoning Administrator and Beverly Knapp as Acting Zoning Administrator, terms to expire 2006.

A suggestion was made for the Board to meet with the Planning Commission in June and also to meet with the Newfane Selectboard at a future date.

Information from Cindy, following up on the letter to Emergency Management: We need more personnel especially on the second shift (Cindy suggested that Lester and Larry address personnel positions); extra equipment and manpower is needed. New routes may be reconfigured and the fire department needs to test all routes and route alerting should be done. Accommodations for special needs people, dosage on potassium iodide, staging area and readings by the radiological officer are other areas that also need to be addressed.

Meeting adjourned 9:50 PM.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

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Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes: Beverly Knapp  
Administrative Assistant