

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: Listers Beverly Knapp, Doug Hamilton, Jean Newell; Road Foreman Wayne Emery.

A motion was made and passed to approve the minutes of January 7, 2004 and to pay Warrants 15 & 15P.

The Listers spoke to the Board regarding work and compensation involved in the reappraisal project. There was a lengthy discussion with question and answers.

Wayne reviewed information on gravel pit sloping-sometimes areas need to be re-graded. The highway department has been plowing drifts and peeling ice. We have received a letter dated January 7<sup>th</sup> from Floyd Roberts, District 2 Transportation Administrator, regarding Town Highway Structures and Class 2 Roadway Grant Programs. The letter states that the Town of Dummerston has been "under funded" in Class 2 grant funds and Mr. Roberts is requesting that the Town submit a completed grant application to the district office by April 15, 2004. The Town would like funding for retreatment. Wayne will stop in and obtain an application. The cost of crushing/purchasing gravel was discussed.

A letter dated January 15<sup>th</sup> has been received from the Town of Putney requesting authorization to place a water main along the right of way on Kathan Meadows Road so they can provide water to the Putney Paper Converting plant. A motion was made and passed to authorize the placement-Paul will contact Larry Hyde, Putney Town Manager.

Paul will contact Town Attorney Bob Fisher regarding any activity/parking at the covered bridge area. (Non-profit, etc.) The charges on the Workmen's Compensation insurance covering the Volunteer Fire Department was discussed. It will be paid by the Fire Department and arrangements for payment will be made with the Town Treasurer.

A motion was made and passed to accept a petition to be placed on the Warning for Town Meeting regarding the rising cost of health insurance. This will be Article #9. A motion was made and passed to approve the Warning for Town Meeting, pending any other submitted petitions.

Cindy will contact Albie Lewis, Vermont Emergency Director, for any follow-up since October 20, 2003.

The Selectboard recessed their regular meeting at 9:44 PM and entered into Executive Session at 9:45 to discuss a personnel matter and also a real estate matter. Executive Session adjourned at 10:15 PM and returned to their regular Board meeting at 10:16 PM. No decisions were made in Executive Session.

Shorty will contact Attorney Bob Fisher regarding a cemetery and CVPS land. He will also speak to West Village residents about a septic system problem.

Regarding Listers: The Board wants to acknowledge the work the listers are doing on the reappraisal, but also are committed to staying within the budget set for it. They will stick with the \$11.25/ hour budgeted for Doug and Jean, and the usual raise for Bev. At the end of the reappraisal process, however, if the costs have come in under budget, 50% of the remainder will be divided up between the listers, each according to how much they worked on the project.

Meeting adjourned 10:15 PM.

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Paul E. Normandeau, Chairman

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Lester L. Dunklee, Clerk

Minutes, Beverly Knapp, Administrative Assistant