

This meeting was called to order at 7:32pm at the Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Board Chair Cindy Jerome, Vice Chair Paul Normandeau, Clerk Kevin Ryan, Shorty Forreth, and Tom Bodett

Also Present: Visitors relating to the West Village: Sharon Tuttle, Richard Tuttle, Jason Davis, Michael Worden, Ron Tier, Jo-ann Tier, and Anne Davis; Dave Thurber from Springfield Paving; Larry Underwood from Lane Construction; Michael Marquise from Marquise ' and Murano; Shirley Perkins and Beverly Lavoie from the Council on Aging and Dummerston Cares; Dan Normandeau; Lester Dunklee; Road Foreman Wayne Emery; and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

Shorty moved and Paul seconded approval of the April 27, 2005 and May 4, 2005 minutes. The motion passed.

The retreatment bids were opened and the amounts were:

Whitcomb	\$49.67/ton
Springfield Paving	\$42.69/ton
Lane Construction	\$46.50/ton
Warner Bros., Inc.	\$59.50/ton

Paul moved and Shorty seconded a motion to award the bid to Springfield Paving. The motion passed.

Shirley Perkins and Beverly Lavoie were recognized and provided updated information about the Council on Aging. Dummerston Cares is a new organization with a core group of six people. They initially hope to set up a space in the Community Center and have a phone line. Modeled after Putney Cares they hope to provide services that are currently lacking, particularly transportation.

The Board recognized Michael Marquise who explained a proposed solution to the West Dummerston Community septic problem. The solution consisted of three septic systems side by side with dimensions of 40' x 65' each. The most southern one would be for the four families using the current failed system on the Worden property, the middle one would be for future needs, and the one closest to the Community Center building would be for Town use. A Sewer District could be created with the Town either retaining ownership of the property or selling the property to the Sewer District.

The proposal is appealing to the residents using the failed system because their lots are constricted by poor soils, small size, multiple dwellings, and shallow wells. The town property has ideal soil conditions and is in relatively close proximity.

The Board expressed reservations based on their responsibility to make decisions for the good of the entire town, their reservations that this is the only possible solution, their concern about the

proposed solution using such a large “footprint” of Town property, and their concern about the checks and balances that would be in place should the proposed system have problems or fail at some future date.

Discussion included the reason for the failure of the Worden system, the possibility of purchasing the lower portion of the Worden property, drilling deep wells to alleviate shallow well contamination, installing curtain drains, testing other nearby properties other than Town property, and proposing a solution that uses a smaller footprint of Town property. In response to frustration expressed by parties of the failed septic system, the Board explained that copies of correspondence from the involved attorneys received in advance of the meeting conflicted with information being presented that the proposed solution was the last resort. Mr. Marquise commented that workable solutions could exist that were cost prohibitive. He and his clients will meet and discuss next steps.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that State and Federal officials recommend Renaud Bros. be awarded the Canoe Brook Road project bid. Though the second lowest bidder, Renaud Bros. followed the specifications and the lowest bidder did not. Paul moved and Tom seconded that the bid be awarded to the Renaud Bros. The motion passed.

Wayne had met with state officials at the Park and Ride location to discuss the State Right of Way of 4 rods. The State might be willing to reduce that, they do not want a berm or guard rails. They were interested in Wayne’s proposal to use curbing and a rail fence and will seek approval.

At 10:06pm the Board entered Executive Session on a motion by Shorty with a second from Paul to discuss a real estate matter. Wayne Emery and Linda McCulloch were invited into the Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:28pm with no action taken.

Cindy asked that the members review the information in the current budget report.

Mary Ellen Copeland’s e-mail about the East West Road will be discussed at the next meeting.

Paul moved and Shorty seconded a motion to authorize Treasurer Pam McFadden to sign the two catering permits to serve liquor at the Scott Farm on June 18 and June 25, 2005.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50pm.

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Approved

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Cindy Jerome, Board Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch