

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

Members Present: Chair Cindy Jerome, Clerk Kevin Ryan, and Tom Bodett

Absent: Vice Chairman Paul Normandeau and Shorty Forrett

Also Present: Peter Potvin from Tenco New England, Vermont Emergency Management Director Barbara Farr, Matt Mann from WRC, Jack Lilly, Judy Davidson, Catherine Dianich Gruver, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

On a motion from Kevin and a second from Tom, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of July 6, 2005 and Warrants 2 and 2P for payment.

The Board recognized Matt Mann from WRC who presented three parking proposals for the Park and Ride area next to the Covered Bridge. In one proposal the cars would park along only the west side of the parking lot, facing Route 30, with a green space along the river. In another proposal the cars would park facing the river and there would be a green space along Route 30, and in the third proposal cars would park on both sides of the lot with a green space on the North side. Each proposal contained either 20 or 21 parking spaces. The Board discussed the merits of each proposal.

Catherine Dianich Gruver urged the Board to consider the aesthetics of the space. She inquired as to whether it was necessary to pave the parking area. It was pointed out that it's not a very aesthetically beautiful area in its current state. The Board assured her they had considered aesthetics in their decision making, particularly with regard to the fencing along Route 30.

The Board decided on the proposal with parking spaces on both sides of the parking lot with the green space on the North end, that there would be a right turn lane onto Route 30, and that the design should be revised to include 25 parking spaces. Matt provided a copy of the grant application which is due next Friday and advised the Board that as many members as possible should come to the site visit once it is scheduled.

Vermont Emergency Management Director Barbara Farr was recognized. The Board expressed concern that the only drills practiced are those where the emergency unfolds gradually and that in reality a fast breaking emergency is an equal possibility. Barbara agreed to check on Phyllis Alberici's job description to see if she is the CERT program coordinator for our area and to send us a Resource List. Lack of maps and directions to reception centers was mentioned as well as communication issues with Vermont Emergency Management. Barbara looks forward to working with us and resolving the issues.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery informed the Board of the work done on the parking area at the Park and Ride site. The base is being prepared for the material which will come from the state and then be rolled. Wayne also reported that work has begun on the Canoe Brook Road project.

After examining the bids for the new truck, Wayne recommended we accept the bid from McDevitt for the Mack truck. Tom moved and Kevin seconded the purchase of a new Mack truck from McDevitt. The motion passed.

Wayne had also examined the bids for the truck body and recommended we accept the bid from Tenco New England. Kevin moved and Tom seconded the purchase of the truck body from Tenco New England, without the plow option. The motion passed.

The decision on the plaque for the Covered Bridge was tabled.

A decision on the price protection quote from Barrows for fuel oil was tabled. Tom will follow up with Putney on their proposal and we will respond to Barrows before the July 29 deadline.

The Board appointed Shorty as delegate for the VLCT annual business meeting.

Tom moved and Kevin seconded that we accept the agreement for Computer Appraisal Services. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Kevin and seconded by Tom to approve the amendments to the Grand List. The motion passed.

The Windham County Sheriff's Contract for 7/1/05 to 6/30/06 was tabled. Copies of both the old and new contract will be provided for Board members for comparison.

Tom moved and Kevin seconded that the Board sign the new three year lease for the building formerly known as the Dummerston Regional Library.

At 10:19pm on a motion from Tom and a second from Kevin, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter and invited Wayne into Executive Session.

The Board returned to regular session at 10:44pm and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch