

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

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

Also Present: Prospect Hill Trustees Mary Lou Schmidt and Elizabeth Catlin, Dummerston Trails Committee Members Bill Schmidt, Jack Lilly and John Evans, Tax Collector Pam McFadden, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Corin Nelson, Laurie Frechette and Administrative Assistant Linda McCulloch

Kevin moved and Tom seconded approval of the minutes of September 28, 2005 and Warrants 8 and 8P. A change was made to one bill on the warrant; clarifying the mileage reimbursement. The motion passed with the warrant as corrected.

Cindy reported that the Prospect Hill trustees consist of the five selectboard members, Mary Lou Schmidt, Elizabeth Catlin and Sam Bunker. The Trails Committee presented maps depicting the trail options. Paul moved and Shorty seconded a motion to look favorably upon the request to locate a trail along Prospect Hill, with the stipulation of wanting more information regarding Miss Bradley's intentions when giving the land to the Town. Tom moved and Kevin seconded to amend the motion to state that a decision will be made at the next meeting on October 26, 2005. The motion carried as amended.

Pam McFadden reported on two possible upcoming tax sales: a mobile home on Camp Arden Road owned by Arthur Fisk, Jr. and land on Hague Road owned by Nikita Shevchenko. She spoke with Dominic McCloud at the Vermont League of Cities and Towns who advised her to contact our Town Attorney for further direction. The Board encouraged Pam to proceed with these tax sales.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported on the possible purchase of a generator for the Town Office building. Dompier Electric has submitted a bid of \$5250.00 for the generator. Merrill Gas has submitted a bid of \$1830 for the 500 gallon tank and installation. The LP gas price quote from Merrill Gas is \$2.199. This project is being paid for with Emergency Management funds. Paul moved to purchase the above generator from Dompier Electric and the gas tank and gas from Merrill Gas, as well as fill the LP gas tank for the new generator at the Dummerston School. Shorty seconded and the motion carried.

Wayne reported that relatively little road damage was caused by the storm this past weekend. The roads most affected were Bear Hill Road and East-West Road. Kevin commended Wayne and the road crew for a job well done.

The Board reviewed correspondence: September 27 email from Computer Consulting regarding sheriff's department billing; September 23 letter from Commonwealth Printers regarding bids on printing; 2005 Vermont Municipal Salaries and Benefits Report; October 4 letter from Charlie Richardson recommending not cutting oak tree at Covered Bridge; October 6 letter from Cory Frehsee regarding scheduling of soil boring at gravel pit; Receipt of Application, Project Review, Permit for Ronald & Lynn Wright's septic system; October 11 Quarterly Report from Alan McBean, Zoning Administrator.

A request was received from the Dummerston School for three grants from the Miller Fund, totaling \$1150.00. Kevin moved and Tom seconded to approve these requests; the motion passed. Laurie will send a letter to the School advising them of the Board's decision and requesting updates for grants given out in the past year.

The 2006 renewal application for the VLCT Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund was received. Cindy recommended that Pam complete and submit the application.

Cindy reported that the Community Center Project has gone over-budget due to architectural and engineering issues. She has signed a request to extend the grant to December 31, 2005 which has been granted.

The Board discussed the Covered Bridge Plaque. Kevin will draft the wording for the plaque to bring to the next meeting.

The Board agreed to invite Windham County State Senators, Jeannette White and Rod Gander and State Representatives, David Deen and Steve Darrow to a special meeting on Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 7:00PM to discuss issues of concern.

Cindy will contact Dan Brown to invite the Dummerston School Board to join the Selectboard at the regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 2005.

Linda presented the report received from Efficiency Vermont. The report was discussed and filed with upcoming budget information.

Tom moved and Paul seconded to very reluctantly accept the resignation of Linda McCulloch as Administrative Assistant; Drug-Free Workplace Person; CDL Drug & Alcohol Contact; Highway Clerk. The motion passed.

Paul moved and Kevin seconded to appoint Laurie Frechette as Administrative Assistant; Drug-Free Workplace Person; CDL Drug & Alcohol Contact; Highway Clerk. The motion passed.

Paul updated the Board on the highway weight limits. It is not necessary to add weight limits to the Town Traffic Ordinance, as they are included in the State law for DMV enforcement.

Kevin moved and Paul seconded signing the Grand List amendments dated October 11th. The motion passed.

At 9:47pm the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue and a real estate issue on a motion from Cindy and a second from Paul. The motion passed.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:39pm and there being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:40pm, with no further decisions made.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette