

This special meeting was called to order at 10:15am at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

Members Present: Vice Chair Paul Normandeau, Clerk Kevin Ryan, Shorty Forrett, and Tom Bodett

Also Present: Putney Selectboard Chair John Nopper, Stevens and Associates Project Manager Cory Frehsee, and Road Foreman Wayne Emery.

This special meeting was called to bring the Dummerston and Putney Selectboards up to date on Stevens and Associates progress on the gravel pit project. Cory discussed preliminary findings on the first test borings, and indicated that the remaining borings would be drilled to a depth of 60 feet, as possible.

Cory indicated that he had sent letters to six State agencies, inviting comment on the project. The single issue that was raised was the necessity of an archaeological study of the pit site. Cory indicated that he had been in contact with a company (Hartgen) that would be able to undertake the required study on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28. Being Hartgen's only opening in their calendar, the study would thus wait until next year if we did not opt for these dates.

Much discussion on the study, possible results, and subsequent options ensued. The archaeological study itself consists of a Phase One, in which shovel tests are done and analyzed, and, potentially, a Phase Two, which, if needed, would establish the significance of the artifacts found. Both John and the Board expressed concern about creeping costs, and the need to feel comfortable that there were no other hidden expenses waiting down the road.

On a motion from Tom, seconded by Shorty, the Board authorized Phase One of the archaeological study to proceed, pending both the approval of the Putney Selectboard at their regular meeting tonight, and additional borings information to be provided by Stevens and Associates.

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 11:22am, with no further decisions made.

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Paul Normandeau, Vice Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk