

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

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

Members Absent: Chair Cindy Jerome and Shorty Forrett

Also Present: Road Foreman Wayne Emery, Larry Lynch, Terry Bolster, Drew Adams, Judy Davidson, Ed Anthes, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette

Tom moved to approve the minutes of December 7 (as corrected) and December 14, 2005 and Warrants 12A, 13 and 13P. Kevin seconded and the motion passed.

Wayne reported that the new truck arrived last week. It has been taken to Barre for outfitting. The 2001 Ford's transmission has failed; the cost of repairs will be covered by warranty. The 1998 plow truck is back in service from the accident on Hague Road. Wayne spoke with John Alexander from the State of Vermont regarding issues with the Covered Bridge floor. John advised that it will probably be 2008-2009 before any state funding will be available. Wayne would like the town to pursue historic structure funding. Paul will look into this option and report back to the Board at a later date.

The Board recognized Drew Adams from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, who reported on the Emergency Watershed Program and the work that will need to be done in Slab Hollow to repair the damage done in the October 9th flooding. The two sites approved for funding will be re-visited in the Spring of 2006. The USDA provides the survey work (at no cost to the town) to finalize the project costs. The town will then request bids on the project and accept the lowest bid. The USDA will provide the site inspector. After the project is done and approved by the USDA, the town will be reimbursed 75% of the project cost. He also advised that permits will be required from the State of Vermont and the Army Corp. of Engineers.

Terry Bolster asked questions about the permit process and expressed her frustration with the USDA's allowance for repairs to their property.

A letter was received from Rick John advising that the Town's offer to purchase the Moore Gravel Pit was turned down.

A letter was received from Em Richards requesting a representative from Dummerston to join the Rock River Focus Group. Laurie will contact Cami Elliott-Knaggs to see if someone from the Conservation Commission will join this group.

Information regarding the VLCT Reinsurer Rating Downgrade was received from the Richards Group. Paul will contact Dave Sichel at VLCT to ask his opinion on this rating.

The 2006 Certificate of Highway Mileage was received. Laurie will show this to Wayne to make sure that it is correct and present it to the Board for signing at the next meeting.

Kevin moved to set Corin Nelsen's term on the Planning Commission to expire in 2009. Tom seconded the motion and it passed. A question arose regarding Elizabeth Catlin's appointment to the Planning Commission; the meeting minutes from March 16th do not include her appointment. This will be clarified at the next Board meeting.

It was moved by Kevin and seconded by Tom to authorize Paul to sign the FY 2006 Grant Agreement from the VT Dept. of Public Safety/VT Emergency Management/RERP. The motion passed.

Tom moved to approve the Certificate of Amendments to the 2005 Grand List dated 12/12/05. It was seconded by Kevin and the motion passed.

The Board recognized Ed Anthes and Judy Davidson, who presented a special article for the Town Meeting warrant requesting that the state legislators increase the Radiological Emergency Response Plan funds (see attached). Tom moved, Kevin seconded and the motion to add this article to the warrant passed unanimously.

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm.

Approved

Paul Normandeau, Vice-Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette