

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 Forrett, and Tom Bodett

Also Present: Cathy Urffer from West River Watershed Alliance, Road Foreman Wayne Emery, and Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette

Shorty moved to approve the minutes of December 7 (as corrected), December 14 and December 21, 2005 and Warrants 14 and 14P. Paul seconded and the motion passed.

The Board recognized Cathy Urffer from the West River Watershed Alliance, who presented their request to have \$480 appropriated at Town Meeting. After discussing the request, the Board declined to add it to the budget and suggested that the Watershed Alliance submit a petition to have their request added as a separate article.

Wayne reported that the 2001 Ford is back in service after having the transmission repaired. However, the fuel tank is cracked and must be replaced. The generator and gas tank have been delivered to the Town Office and are scheduled to be hooked up tomorrow. Shorty introduced the possibility of switching over the alarm system to use fewer door alarms and more motion sensors for the Town Garage and Town Office. Wayne will check into the costs of changing over to a new system.

Shorty clarified for the Board that the parking lot in front of the Post Office in West Dummerston is not a town road. After January 31, 2006, the town will no longer plow, sand or salt the parking lot. Cindy will send a letter to Virginia and Richard Carter advising them of this decision.

It was moved by Kevin and seconded by Tom to sign the 2006 Certificate of Highway Mileage. The motion passed.

An email was received from Kendall Gifford at the Windham Regional Commission regarding the scheduling of a public hearing to finalize the grant to make the Community Center handicapped-accessible. Cindy will contact Kendall to schedule the hearing on a regularly-scheduled meeting night.

An invitation was received from FEMA to a meeting to discuss revisions to the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map and Flood Insurance Study of the Connecticut River Floodplain in Windham and Windsor Counties. Shorty strongly recommended that a Selectboard member attend this meeting on January 9th at 6:00pm.

It was confirmed that Elizabeth Catlin's term on the Planning Commission will expire in 2009.

The budget was discussed; some minor revisions were made. Cindy handed out the Selectboard Report for inclusion in the Town Report.

A letter was received from the VT State Police regarding their alarm answering service. It was unanimously agreed by the Board to not sign up for this service.

At 8:58pm the Board entered Executive Session to discuss a real estate issue on a motion from Paul and a second from Shorty. The motion passed.

The Board returned to Regular Session at 10:02pm. Tom made the following motion, "The Board authorizes the Putney Selectboard and attorney to contest Act 250 jurisdiction providing it proves beneficial on a cost and timing basis to the Town". Paul seconded and the motion passed.

Paul moved and Shorty seconded to dedicate the 2005 Town Report to former Town Clerk, Janice Duke. The motion passed.

Prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on January 18th, a project status update will be presented on the Carpenter Gravel Pit with Stevens and Associates. Laurie will send letters to the abutting property owners inviting them to attend this meeting.

There being no further discussion to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:16pm.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Administrative Assistant Laurie Frechette