

This meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM at the Dummerston Town Office in Dummerston, Vermont.

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

Absent: Vice-Chair Paul Normandeau

Also Present: John Gregory, Harold Newell, Jean Newell, Ron Wright, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Kevin moved and Lewis seconded to approve Warrants 7 and 7P as well as the minutes from September 13<sup>th</sup>. The motion passed.

The Board recognized John Gregory, who reported that the leach field in front of his home on West Street has failed. The trustees of the Baptist Church have granted him permission to replace the existing pipe that runs along the edge of their property.

The Board recognized Ron Wright, Dummerston's representative to the Windham Solid Waste Management District. He advised the Board that the District broke even last year; next year's budget is scheduled to be voted on in November. Ron announced that he will be resigning from this position in either November or December. The Board expressed their gratitude for the many years that Ron has served the town in this capacity.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the fall scraping is nearly complete. The second bridge is nearly complete at the gravel pit. They are hoping to begin taking winter sand out of the pit next week. MSHA will be coming in early next week to give clearance to start work at the pit.

The Board reviewed the VLCT Health Trust Renewal for 2007. No action was taken; they will wait until the new rates come out.

Tom updated the Board on his recent conversations with Ken Carpenter regarding stumps around the worksite as well as a recent bill from Ken's logger for approximately \$3100. It has been agreed that the bill will be split three ways, between Ken and the towns of Dummerston and Putney. In a conversation between Tom and Ken on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am, Ken agreed to allow the towns to bury stumps along the eastern boundary of the property along the two to one berm.

The Board discussed the ongoing septic problem at Windmill Hill Road. According to the Selectboard meeting minutes of April 8, 1996, it was a unanimous decision of the Board to change the road from Class IV to a Town Trail.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Kevin, the Board tabled discussion of the Farmland Protection Guidelines until the next meeting.

The Board reviewed and discussed Cindy's letter to John Angil regarding the RERP. The Board authorized Cindy to revise and send the letter with their recommended changes.

Kevin reported on his conversation with Cor Trowbridge from BCTV and their request for a non-binding letter of support from the Board. After some discussion, the Board declined to do so at this time.

On a motion from Kevin and second by Tom, the Board authorized Cindy to sign three RERP budget requests from Larry.

The Board reviewed a memo from Treasurer, Michelle Cherrier regarding the renewal of two CD's – one for the Miller Fund and one for the Cemetery Fund. On a motion from Cindy and second by Lewis, the Board authorized Michelle to move the CD's to Brattleboro Savings & Loan Association for 7 months at 5 percent interest. They requested that Michelle keep \$15,000 of the Miller Fund in liquid funds.

On a motion from Tom and second by Kevin, the Board approved a request from Mary Ann Runge for \$600 to be paid from the Miller Fund for musical instruments for two Dummerston students, with the stipulation that the instruments are to be used expressly for needy children.

The Board reviewed a request from a Dummerston resident for assistance from the Miller Fund to help a mother and her two children with housing, so that they may be reunited. On a motion from Kevin and second by Tom, the Board approved payment of up to \$1500 to be paid directly to the landlord. The motion passed.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

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Approved

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Cindy Jerome, Chair

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Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant