

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 and Lewis White

Member Absent: Tom Bodett

Also Present: Andrew MacFarland, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

Kevin moved and Paul seconded to approve the minutes from January 31<sup>st</sup> and Warrant 17, and to ratify Warrant 17P. The motion passed.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that two trucks are out of commission due to problems encountered during the recent snowstorm. The transmission blew on the 2001 Ford; repairs should be covered under warranty. The plow and plow frame on the 2007 Ford were damaged from hitting a large rock. The Town's insurance through VLCT will cover the cost of repairs and rental of a replacement vehicle.

Paul questioned Wayne about a hole in the roof of the Covered Bridge. Wayne will look into the situation and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed Dummerston's TA-60 Highway Form from VTrans. This form will be completed after Town Meeting.

Correspondence was received from the U.S. Census Bureau regarding the 10-year census to be done in 2010. The Board reviewed the form; Laurie will send it in.

The Board reviewed a notice from the Vermont Coalition of Municipalities regarding their position on Education Finance and Property Tax Reform.

The Board reviewed a copy of correspondence from Atty. Bob Fisher to Arthur Phaneuf regarding zoning violations on Camp Arden Road.

Discussion took place regarding the application of taxpayers' prebates/rebates to their property tax bills. Board members have been receiving telephone calls from residents questioning them about the application of the funds. Lewis questioned why the Board rescinded their original agreement to place this question as an article on the Warning for Town Meeting. Cindy advised that the question may be introduced from the floor under New Business.

The Board reviewed and discussed the latest draft of the Road Foreman's job description. Cindy will type the revisions and distribute copies to the Board. Advertising for the upcoming open position will be placed in the *Reformer*, *Rutland Herald*, and *Vermont Local Roads*.

On a motion from Kevin and second by Lewis, the Board authorized Cindy to sign the Department of Public Safety's financial report form.

On a motion by Lewis and second from Paul, the Board authorized the signing of the Stipulation Agreement from the Vermont Department of Taxes regarding the Tentative Redetermination of Equalized Education Property Value and Coefficient of Dispersion.

Candidates' Night will be held on Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the Dummerston School.

The Board took a revote on the Planning Commission's request to revise the Telecommunications Ordinance. On a motion from Paul and second by Kevin, the Board voted to change the Telecommunications Ordinance to the language suggested by the Planning Commission: Section 1.6 to read "Wireless telecommunications towers or facilities may be permitted as a conditional use upon compliance with the provisions of this ordinance in the Reserve District. It is the Town Policy that communications towers should be prohibited from Conservation and Forest Reserve districts." Laurie will warn this change in the *Reformer*.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 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