

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, Tom Bodett and Lewis White

Also Present: Virginia Carter, Wayne Emery, Norris Evans, Sarah Evans, Andrew MacFarland and Laurie Frechette

Kevin moved and Lewis seconded to approve the minutes from February 16th and to pay Warrants TR, 18, 18A and 18P, with the exception of the bill from Kruse-Ziffer for truck repairs. The motion passed.

The Board recognized Sarah Evans, who expressed her interest in becoming a member of the Recreation Board. The Board thanked her for her enthusiasm and will be making appointments after Town Meeting.

Sarah then spoke to the Board about the upcoming Dummerston Y2C – A Community Gathering, to be held on April 13th and 14th at the Grange and the Center Church. When questioned by Paul, she explained that Y2C stands for “Your 2 Cents”. The Y2C Steering Committee has received a grant to pay for a professional facilitator. They would like to hang an 8’ banner on the covered bridge from April 9th – 14th. Paul spoke against the idea of using the bridge for this purpose. The Board agreed that a precedent should not be set. They encouraged Sarah to have the committee use sandwich boards at the covered bridge and the banner on the Grange in the Center for advertising.

The Board recognized Norris Evans, who presented three maps pertaining to the Ancient Roads project to be displayed at Town Meeting. He will provide some smaller copies to be distributed at Town Meeting. The Board thanked Norris for all of his hard work on this project.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the 2007 truck is back in service, with the plow and frame repaired. The one-ton truck is at Kruse-Ziffer again having a seventh transmission put in. Wayne believed that all of the replacement transmissions were covered under warranty but has received a bill for approximately \$4800. Wayne will advise Kruse-Ziffer that the Board is not authorizing payment of this bill; they feel that all transmissions should be covered under the warranty. The newest transmission is covered under warranty for three years or 75,000 miles from 2/16/07.

Paul questioned Wayne about one of the highway crew, as well as Wayne, working 19 ½ hours in one day, during the storm of February 14th. The Board had previously instructed Wayne to limit working hours to 16 hours per day.

Cindy questioned Wayne about the status of Steve Dompier’s quote for electrical work needed at the Town Office for the generator. He will check with Steve and report back to the Board.

The Board reviewed the 2007 Better Backroads Grant Application. Cindy asked Wayne to review the application with the Crosby Brook project in mind. The application deadline is March 30th.

The Board reviewed a letter from Joseph Kohout requesting a waiver of interest and penalty on a late tax payment. The Board declined to grant his request.

A decision on appointing a Town Service Officer was tabled until after Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed a notice from the Brattleboro Area Community Land Trust regarding available funds for homeowner rehabilitation loans. Cindy will contact Jack Manix as the Town's representative.

The Board discussed correspondence received from Windham Regional Commission regarding the position of Town Energy Coordinator.

Tom discussed his recent conversation with Ken Carpenter regarding the biannual increase in compensation for gravel taken from the Carpenter Gravel Pit.

Wayne expressed his concern about the April 15th date of being able to work in the gravel pit. Tom reminded him of the ten extra days to be used outside of the allowed time of April 15 – October 15. The current Act 250 permit is up for review in two years.

The Board reviewed and assigned articles for presentation at Town Meeting. Laurie was instructed to place a box ad in Saturday's edition of the *Reformer* to clarify that Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2007.

On a motion by Paul and second from Tom, the Board authorized Cindy to sign the Consultant Selection for the Community Education on Land Use project from the Windham Regional Commission.

Cindy advised that the Fire Department will lease the new rescue truck from the Town.

The Board has not yet posted the voted change in the Telecommunications Ordinance due to confusion in the wording. The Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator will be invited to a future meeting to sit down with the Board and clarify the wording.

Tom moved and Kevin seconded to adjourn the Selectboard meeting and convene the Liquor Commission; the motion passed.

Members reviewed liquor license applications for Dummerston Neighbors, Dwight Miller & Son Orchard and Exit 4 Sunoco. On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the applications were approved.

Members reviewed tobacco license applications from Dummerston Neighbors and Exit 4 Sunoco. On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the applications were approved by a 4-1 vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

Approved

Cindy Jerome, Chair

Kevin Ryan, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant