

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

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Vice-Chair Cindy Jerome, Clerk Andrew MacFarland, Paul Normandeau and Lewis White

Also Present: Dan Normandeau, Jody Normandeau, Carol Stone, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Cindy, the Board approved the minutes from March 14<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Paul moved and Cindy seconded to pay Warrants 20 and 20P. The motion passed

The Board recognized Carol Stone from Connecticut River Transit (CRT), who presented a proposed commuter route from Jamaica to Brattleboro via Route 30. They hope to provide service to residents from Townshend, Newfane and Dummerston as well. Ms. Stone handed out commuter demographics for the Board's information. She explained that (CRT) will be looking to the towns for financial assistance, whether or not any grants are received. The Board expressed their philosophical support but advised her that Town funds are extremely limited.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery reported that the transmission has failed on the Ford truck for the eighth time; with only 300 miles driven.

Tenco has decided to repair the plow and frame damage on the 2007 truck at their cost. They have recalled all other plows sold in the recent past to be repaired as well.

Wayne advised the Board that engines in both of the Mack trucks have needed repairs within the past two weeks.

The Board and Wayne discussed issues with cars parking along town roads, especially during storms. Laurie will type up a notice using the wording from the Town's Parking Ordinance for Wayne to place on cars as needed.

The Board opened and reviewed truck and equipment bids received from L & B Freightliner, J & B International, McDevitt, Tenco New England, Howard P. Fairfield, Inc., and Clarks International. Wayne and Laurie will draw up a spreadsheet with all of the pertinent information and distribute it to the Board as soon as possible.

The Board reviewed and discussed a letter dated September 3, 2006 from Jack and Judy Davidson regarding the property reappraisal process and Board of Civil Authority hearings. The Board also recognized and heard concerns from Dan Normandeau and Jody Normandeau regarding the reappraisal and their frustration with the difficulty in obtaining information from the Listers in a timely fashion. The Board feels strongly that further BCA training is needed and that the BCA needs more information from the Listers on how they arrive at their appraisals. Tom will invite the Listers to attend the next Board meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Jody extended invitations to the Board for the Y2C presentations on April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> as well Vermont Education Commissioner Cate's presentation at BAMS on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Jody questioned the Board on the status of the covered bridge plaque. Paul will contact Abbiati Monuments and/or Shorty Forrett and report back to the Board.

The Board discussed the upcoming UVM Municipal Officers Conferences; all Board members have signed up to attend either the Fairlee or the Rutland conference.

A letter was received from the Northeastern Family Institute regarding a 4.4 mile footrace to be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> along Black Mountain Road in Dummerston and Brattleboro. Laurie will send a letter of response indicating the Board's support.

A bid from Dompier Electric was reviewed for changes in the electrical service at the Town Office. These changes are needed in order to effectively be able to utilize the emergency generator. Lewis will contact Frank Gallup to request a bid from him as well.

Wayne advised the Board that the Town has received permission from the Agency of Natural Resources to work in the Carpenter Gravel Pit early this year. The pit will be open for business as usual beginning on April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Tom discussed the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increase of 4.0 to be used in calculating payment to Ken Carpenter. This change will take effect on July 1, 2007.

Interviews for the new Road Foreman will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Andrew, the Board reappointed Rick Sullivan as an alternate on the Development Review Board for a one-year term (to expire in March 2008).

On a motion from Lewis and second by Paul, the Board appointed Regina Rockefeller to the Planning Commission.

On a motion from Paul and second by Cindy, the Board appointed Roger Turner and Lew Sorenson to the Windham Regional Commission for a one-year term (to expire in March 2008).

Appointment of representatives to the Windham Solid Waste Management District was tabled.

The Board authorized Tom to sign the 2006 Bridge Inspections reports from the VT Agency of Transportation.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board appointed Tom Johnson to the Cemetery Committee.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board signed 2007 Trailer Park licenses for Amy & Edwin Dews, Ralph Bolster and the VT Housing Authority.

The Board discussed the mowing of Town cemeteries; Lewis will request a 2-year bid from Wayne Holden.

Any decision on changing the Board's regular meeting time has been tabled until after the next goals work session, to be held on April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM.

On a motion from Cindy and second by Paul, the Board approved a request from Jo Carol Ratti and Mary Ann Runge for \$1260.00 from the Miller Fund to provide psychiatric care for a Dummerston student. Andrew recused himself from this discussion and vote.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35PM.

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Tom Bodett, Chairman

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Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant