

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: Ed Anthes, Ron Autenreith, Art Avery, Virginia Carter, Judy Davidson, Lester Dunklee, Nelson Jillson, Larry Lynch, Pam McFadden, David Ryan, Tom Zopf, Wayne Emery and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board approved the minutes from March 28th and April 4th.

Paul moved and Andrew seconded to pay Warrants 21 and 21P. The motion passed

The Board recognized Larry Lynch and Lester Dunklee from Emergency Management and Ed Anthes to discuss the cuts in the proposed VT Emergency Management (VEM) budget for FY 2008. The bill is in the Senate Finance Committee right now; Tom will contact Peter Shumlin to express the Board's concerns.

Larry advised the Board that the revised RERP has not yet been received from Waterbury.

Larry presented the Board with a forestry order form from Fire Warden, Marty Forrett for 40 hand-pump liners. Tom signed the authorization for the Board.

The Board recognized Lester Dunklee from the Community Center, who advised that new lights and fixtures have been installed in the large room and the library. He also advised the Board that the parking lot is in dire need of repaving and asked for the Town's help. The Board and Wayne discussed the planned paving for this year and said they will let Lester and the Community Center know if any funds are available for this project.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board approved the acceptance of a \$1000 gift by the Town for the Dummerston Community Center.

The Board recognized Art Avery, who discussed the issue of traffic control at the Apple Pie Festival. The Board agreed to incorporate seven (7) hours of traffic coverage into the 2007-2008 Sheriff's contract.

The Board recognized Board of Civil Authority members: Ron Autenreith, Judy Davidson, Nelson Jillson, Pam McFadden, David Ryan and Tom Zopf. Tom Bodett advised that he has invited Teri Gildersleeve from the State Department of Property Valuation & Review to come down and give a presentation to the BCA and any interested residents on the property evaluation process and how the system works. Much discussion ensued regarding the questions to be sent to Teri for preparation for this presentation. Tentative dates for this meeting are either May 2nd or May 16th; Laurie will find out if the basement of the church is available for these dates.

The Board reviewed a bid received from Code 3 Products for the annual inspection of fire alarms at the Town Office, Highway Garage and the Covered Bridge, as well as the servicing of the fire extinguishers for the Town Office and Highway Garage. Wayne had contacted other area companies; no one else submitted a bid. On a motion from Paul and second by Andrew, the Board accepted Code 3's bid.

The Board discussed with Wayne the need for the necessary paving and landscaping to be done at the Carpenter Gravel Pit as soon as possible so that Stevens & Associates no longer has to make weekly site visits. Tom will speak with Cory Frehsee about amending the Act 250 permit to allow more time in the pit.

Tom advised the Board that Ken Carpenter has agreed to the 4% increase in the payment per yard, effective July 1, 2007. He would like the Town to deduct his payments from the \$6000 due to the Town by him, effective immediately. On a motion from Lewis and second by Andrew, the Board approved this change.

Road Foreman Wayne Emery discussed the planned paving for this year. At this time, he would like to pave Upper Dummerston Road, the Park & Ride, the Community Center parking lot and Sugar House Road if the Town has taken it over before the scheduled paving time. Paul asked Laurie how much money is left in the Park & Ride grant; she will report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Wayne advised the Board that he has submitted the Better Backroads Grant application.

The 2007 MSHA training for the Town's highway crew and other surrounding towns will be held at the Grange on Monday, April 23rd.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Andrew, the Board accepted the bid from J & B International for a truck with a Caterpillar engine, 7-year warranty and Tenco package.

The Board discussed the generator situation at the Town Office. Frank Gallup changed some of the electrical service in order for the generator to run effectively. The Board gave their OK to start it up the next time the power goes out.

The Board reviewed a notice from FEMA regarding the modified flood elevation determinations along Rice Farm Road; the information will be passed along to Zoning Administrator, Alan McBean.

On a motion from Paul and second from Lewis, the Board signed the FY 2008 Town Highways Financial Plan.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board appointed Patti Smith to a 2-year term and Regina Rockefeller to a 3-year term on the Planning Commission.

Paul reported to the Board that Shorty Forrett is taking the wording for the covered bridge plaque to Abbiati Monuments for a price quote. Paul will keep the Board advised of the progress.

Laurie was requested to email the current Personnel Policy to the Selectboard.

The Board opened and reviewed a 2-year bid for cemetery and town mowing received from Wayne Holden. On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the Board voted to award the bid to Wayne after receiving clarification on the price for clean-up. The Board's intention is that it pay his stated price once annually, not "per clean-up" as indicated on his bid.

The regular meeting was adjourned and the Board entered Executive Session at 10:00PM to discuss a personnel matter.

The Board reconvened their regular meeting at 10:59PM. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00PM.

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant