

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

Members Present: Chair Tom Bodett, Clerk Andrew MacFarland, Paul Normandeau and Lewis White

Member Absent: Vice-Chair Cindy Jerome

Also Present: Ahren Ahrenholz, Ed Anthes, Ruth Barton, Greg Brown, Marie Caduto, Virginia Carter, Lee Chamberlin, Susan Daigler, Calvin & Jillian Farwell, Marty Forrett, Cary Gaunt, Mark Kracum, Larry Lynch, Allen Pike, John Borichevsky & Mark Gilmore from Entergy Vermont Yankee, State Representative Mike Mrowicki, Paul Heintz from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, and Laurie Frechette

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board approved the minutes from August 1st and 7th.

On a motion from Paul and second by Lewis, the Board approved payment of Warrants 4 and 4P.

The Board recognized Marie Caduto from the Agency of Natural Resources, who reported that the grant application for the Rock River Access Project has been submitted. She thanked the Board for the Town's support.

The Board recognized Greg Brown, who is a member of the Affordable Housing Committee. He spoke to the Board about the possibility of developing a portion of Dutton Pines State Park as affordable housing. He requested authorization from the Board to explore options with the Agency of Natural Resources and to report back to the Board at the end of three months. Andrew moved to grant this authorization with the stipulation that he cannot commit the Town to any action. On a second from Paul, the motion passed.

On a motion from Lewis and second by Paul, the Board appointed Melanie Chamberlin to the Recreation Committee.

The Board recognized Emergency Management Director, Larry Lynch and Mark Gilmore from Entergy Vermont Yankee. Much discussion took place regarding emergency sirens to be located in Dummerston. At this time, Dummerston is to receive three sirens to be installed in 2008; one at the Town Garage, one at the West Dummerston Fire Station and one either on Dummerston Hill or along Route 5, close to the Putney town line. Entergy requests that the Town either own the land or have easements where the sirens are to be located.

Tom spoke of the Board's frustration that the responsibility for funding the sirens keeps being shuffled back and forth between VT Emergency Management and Entergy, with no sirens forthcoming. Ed Anthes expressed his outrage that the sirens were cut from the 2007 budget after being approved by the Legislature.

Paul acknowledged State Representative Mike Mrowicki's presence and expressed his pleasure that Mike was hearing this conversation, along with the Board's and other residents' concerns. Mike voiced his opinion that public safety is being compromised which is unacceptable. He advised that he will request an audit of this budget through the State Auditor, Tom Salmon's office.

Marty Forrett was appointed to serve as Dummerston's point person for the siren project.

The RERP budget for Fiscal Year 2009 was briefly discussed and a list was created for Larry to submit at the next budget meeting.

Larry announced that this will be his last year as Emergency Management Director.

On a motion by Andrew and second from Paul, the Board signed the FY2008 Grant Agreement for RERP funds.

Road Foreman, Lee Chamberlin reported that work on the Slab Hollow/School House Road project is scheduled to begin on September 17th; all work must be completed by October 1st. On a motion from Lewis and second by Paul, the Board granted approval to remove the trees along Salmon Brook on Cleon and Theresa Bolster's property.

Lee reported that he will be picking up the new truck tomorrow and dropping it off at Tenco. On a motion by Paul and second from Lewis, the Board authorized \$608 for an extended warranty on the transmission and drive train.

Lee advised that the roadside mowing is scheduled to be done at the end of September.

The Board recognized Susan Daigler from the Lydia Taft Pratt Library Board of Trustees, who was present to discuss the processing of the librarian's payroll. She expressed her displeasure that the Trustees had not been invited to attend this Board meeting. Laurie explained that she had spoken with David Patriquin, the Chair of the Trustees, who declined the Board's invitation to this meeting.

Susan spoke to the Board of being very upset that this issue was even being raised. She stressed that the Lydia Taft Pratt Library is a municipal library and is a municipal entity. The Library does not have an Employer Identification Number and may not be able to obtain one. After some discussion, Andrew moved and Paul seconded to rescind the Board's earlier decision and to have the Town continue to process the payroll for the Lydia Taft Pratt librarian; the motion passed.

The Board again invited the Library's Board of Trustees to meet with them at their September 12th meeting. Susan will pass along the invitation.

Tom updated the Board on the VELCO/CVPS Southern Loop. Several other options are being explored by VELCO; he hopes to be able to give further information by the end of the week. The official application is to be presented on September 26th; Letters of Comment are due to CVPS by September 19th.

The Board reviewed and discussed the list of names submitted for consideration as members of the Energy Committee. Tom asked Mike Mrowicki to be on the Energy Committee as well. Andrew, Lewis and Tom will call the people on the list to see if they are interested in serving on the committee.

On a motion by Andrew and second by Lewis, the Board moved to "Lay out as a Class 3 town highway, the road known as Hopkins Road, from its intersection with Hill Road, approximately ¾ mile to its intersection with the Pent Road leading from Beaver Pond Road (near the Banta residence)."

On a motion by Andrew and second by Paul, the Board moved to "Alter the Pent Road leading from Beaver Pond Road past the Banta residence to the intersection with Hopkins Road to a Class 3 town highway with a 2 rod width. This portion of road is approximately 400 feet."

On a motion by Andrew and second by Lewis, the Board moved to "Lay out as a Class 3 town highway, the road known as Sugar House Road, from its intersection with Vt. Route 30 to its terminus."

Tom updated the Board on the recent Ancient Roads meeting. Ruth Barton expressed an interest in participating in this project. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17th at 7PM.

The Board reviewed a letter from Atty. Bob Fisher regarding the appeal from Jenness & Berrie to the Vermont Supreme Court. On a motion from Lewis and second by Andrew, the Board authorized Atty. Fisher to monitor the court proceedings.

Tom advised the Board that the dog-at-large issue will need to be addressed at a meeting in the near future.

On a motion from Andrew and second by Paul, the Board signed a Lister's Certificate of Change to the 2007 Grand List.

The Board recessed their regular meeting at 10:36PM and immediately reconvened as the Liquor Commission. They reviewed an application from J.D. McCliment's for a rehearsal dinner and wedding reception to be held at the Scott Farm on August 24th and 25th. The submitted times were: August 24th 5:30-9:30PM; August 25th 5:30PM-1AM. On a motion by Lewis and second from Paul, the Commission approved the application with the ending time on August 25th changed to 11:00PM.

The Liquor Commission meeting was adjourned at 10:48PM and the Selectboard meeting immediately reconvened. On a motion by Lewis and second from Andrew, the Board voted to enter Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation matter. Laurie was excused; Paul recused himself and left the meeting before the Executive Session began.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:10PM. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11PM.

August 29, 2007

Approved

Tom Bodett, Chairman

Andrew MacFarland, Clerk

Minutes: Laurie Frechette, Administrative Assistant