

TOWN OF DUXBURY

SelectBoard

July 14, 2003

The regular meeting of the Selectboard was held on Monday, July 14, 2003 at the Duxbury Town Office, 3316 Crossett Hill Road, Duxbury, VT. 05676

Chair Robert Magee, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. with the following people present: JoAnn Berno, Paul Brusa, Harry Rook, Jill Smith, and Daniel Mac Walters to take the minutes.

Attending: Dave Quenneville, Ken Scott (Town Clerk and Treasurer).

- I. Chair opened the meeting with a follow-up discussion about cars and speeding issues on Main street and RT. 100. The chair indicated that he talked to AOT about standards and requirements on speed bumps. Some alternatives and placement issues were discussed, but the speed bumps are 6ft long, 2 inches high and 5 inches wide. The problem and liabilities on using speed bumps and if it s practical to use them. Some Alternative was discussed like asking the Sheriff to sit at the intersection or bumps.
- II. Mr. Quenneville presented the board with the road report and ongoing road projects. He indicated that graveling and sanding is complete. He discussed the status on scrabble hill and west scrabble hill road in North Duxbury. He presented to the selectboard a project deadline at the Middle School and the deadline is Monday, which he might have to rent some tools to complete the project. The Chair indicated he would like to spend some money for tree and brush cutting, rough rock, and guardrail in the area of camels hump and scrabble hill intersection.
 - A. **A Motion by The Chair**, services for chipping and cutting in selected areas for future road construction not to exceed a thousand dollars. The motion was Second by J. Smith. The Selectboard voted unanimously for approval.
- III. The cemetery - A discussion on burning some brush in the area of the cemetery.
- IV. Time Card - A issue was brought up on not indicating lunch hours on the time chart. Mr. Quenneville presented the reason why time off wasn t indicated on the time chart.
- V. OSHA - The Board discussed some safety issues on road projects was brought to the attention of Mr. Quenneville. He reinsured the board that safety was being observed.
 - A. **A Motion by H. Rook**, to allow Mr. Quenneville too pickup his pay check on Friday 18 July. The motion was Second by P. Brusa. The Selectboard voted unanimously for approval.
- VI. Maps - The suggestion to acquire 911 maps was discussed.

- VII. Taxes - The Recommendation from the Town Treasure for 2003 proposed tax rate for the Town of Duxbury is \$2.10. The taxes are down last year s rate of \$2.125 a decrease of .025.

State Education Property Taxes is	\$1.18
Local Share Taxes is	\$0.40 (amount needed above a block grant)
Town Taxes is	\$0.52
Total Taxes for 2003 is	\$2.10

A discussion on the school s taxes was discussed in details.

- A. **A Motion by H. Rook**, to accept the tax rate as proposed by the Town Treasurer. The motion was Second by P. Brusa. The Selectboard voted unanimously for approval.
- VIII. Edward Jones Account - Mr. H. Rook presented the board with a detail analysis of the Edward Jones Account and a prediction if the account was to remain unchanged. Several option was discussed in detail. The suggestion to change the account was discussed in great detail to the better good of the town. It was recommended that the Edward Jones account be closed and the funds be split and the part of the account be put into a savings account and the reset into a CD.
- A. *Mr. H. Rook recommends*, The final proposal was presented, to take 150,000 dollars of the capital money and put it into a (high interest) no load CD with no penalty for withdrawal. Also, the future expense was brought to the attention of the board. The safest of all worlds is to split the account in someway, checking account and cover all are expenses and give the Treasure the authority with the selectboard intent to manage the accounts, and close the Edward Jones account. Some accounting issue was discussed.
- B. **A Motion by H. Rook**, to cash-in Edward Jones fund as soon as practical and have the treasurer reinvest it in a CD. The motion was Second by P. Brusa. The Selectboard voted unanimously for approval.
- C. **A Motion by H. Rook**, to call this fund Waterbury/Duxbury Bridge fund to give the voters next march the option from the Edward Jones account. The motion was Second by J. Smith. The Selectboard voted unanimously for approval.
- D. *Mr. H. Rook recommends* - that next month the board study the issue and do a follow-up on where to put the money at the next meeting.
- IX. The Town Clerk gave permission for Mr. D. Mac Walters to modify and improve the current website.

- X. **A Motion by The Chair**, to accept last months minutes as is. The motion was Second by P. Bursa. The Selectboard voted unanimously for approval.
- XI. Bills - J. Berno brought to the attention some billing issues and Mr. P. Brusa will investigate this issue and make a present at the next meeting.
- XII. Duxbury School -J. Smith reported on the status, changes and the progress on permits and Deeds of the Duxbury School.
- XIII. *Jill recommends* - that the board approve a 60-day notice to vacate the old Duxbury school, because of the sale of the school. The board needs at least 30 day notices the board suggested and just recently the school request 90 day notice, which the 60 days notice is a compromise.
- XIV. Duxbury School Deed - J. Smith presented to the board the discussion she had with Whites and the Development Review Board (DRB) on the property lines problems. The Mr. Laphere subdivision was approved with stipulations set by the DRB that .25 acres are divided and that no Tree cutting at the specified area and that he cannot sell the property to anyone under this stipulation. The problems with the Touchette s have been corrected. There is an overlap of property boundaries.
- XV. *Jill recommends* - that the survey pins be moved to the boundary with Whites to deal with the small encroachment and the deed be corrected to show the changes.
- XVI. **A Motion by The Chair**, that the pins are moved back 3ft to make the road the boundary. The motion was Second by J. Berno. The Selectboard voted three for approval and two abstained. The Motion Passed.
- XVII. Mr. H. Rook presented the discussion on parts of the proposal requirements for the sales of the old Duxbury School property.
- XVIII. **Subdivision** - J. Berno initiated the discussion about going ahead with the sale to Mark Laphere sales on the subdivision.
- XIX. **A Motion by The Chair**, to set 10 grand for the sale price to Duxbury Autotec for a quarter of an acre to include everything. The motion was Second by H. Rook. The Selectboard unanimously for approval.
- XX. War Memorial - J. Berno started a detail discussion on a restriction of movement of the war memorial in case no restrictions are in place.
- XXI. **School** - A schedule walk-thru at 10:00 a.m. on the 30th July with J. Berno and The Chair.

XXII. **Website** - The Chair introduced the discussion on improvements to the website. J. Berno indicated we should start with the basics improvement to the website. The initial suggestion is to update the website as time is available.

XXIII. **A Motion by J. Smith**, Direct Dan to precede with the website development at 15 dollars an hour maximum of 1500 dollars with a monthly review of progress. The motion was Second by J. Berno. The Selectboard unanimously for approval.

XXIV. **Yellow Light** - The Chair indicated that no yellow light at the Crossett Brook Middle school and we support the lights.

XXV. **A Motion by J. Smith**, Direct the chair to sign a letter in support of yellow lights for CBMS on Rt. 100 with the understanding that the town of Duxbury will not be funding the lights. The motion was Second by H. Rook. The Selectboard unanimously for approval.

XXVI. **Ordinances** - H. Rook presented to the board that status of his progress with the ordinances and policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel MacWalters

Approved, with noted corrections, on _____, 2003

Bob Magee, Chair

JoAnn Berno

Paul Brusa

Harry Rook

Jill Smith