

Minutes of Duxbury Selectboard, October 11, 2004

Members Present: Paul Brusa, Jill Smith, JoAnn Berno, Fred Collins

Visitors Present: Barbara Ripley, Alan Pierce, David Specht, Lincoln & Joan Robtoy, Craig Griffith, Ken Spencer, Linda Devlin, Andrea & Jerry McMahan, Edward Brenner, Ken Scott.

Paul Brusa called the hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. Barbara Ripley, attorney for the town, explained the hearing process for reclassification of Class 4 roads to Class 3. This process had been started years ago, however the final step needed to be done in order to bring the roads legally into classification. The site review regarding the roads in question had been done prior to the meeting. The Selectboard viewed the portions of road and met with citizens at the different sites. Linda Devlin expressed her concern regarding the turnaround area located on the Devlin Road Extension. She felt that turnarounds are needed, but not on private land. The next step is to hire a surveyor based on the quotes that were given to the board. The hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m. The board went into executive session at 7:35 p.m. to discuss surveying contracts. The board came out of executive session at 7:40 p.m.

Jill made motion to rescind the vote at the previous meeting regarding the September approval of the Northfield Savings Bank proposal and that we approve Banknorth for a 5 year note at beginning rate of 2.07 for the first year, based on T-bill rate. Fred seconded. All in favor.

The Town Clerk explained the added features to the copier that now have.

Lincoln Robtoy addressed the Board regarding his property located on Steven's Brook Road. He is having difficulty selling his property and feels that it is the Town's fault for putting a culvert on his property. He feels that the culvert flooded his property and would like the town to fix the situation or pay restitution. Fred and Harry will look at the land and gather information from Mr. Robtoy's realtor and engineer.

Craig Griffith addressed the board regarding the flooding of his basement. He feels that the culvert at the bottom of Turner Hill is not big enough and its overflow has flooded him out more than once. He feels that a bigger culvert is needed. Paul agreed to talk with David and Fred agreed to do a site visit with Craig. Craig submitted a bill for the cleaning of his damaged property related to the flooding of his basement. Paul advised that we could not be responsible for his expenses, but the Town will look over the situation and come up with a resolution.

JoAnn made a motion to accept the minutes of September 8 with one correction; Lincoln Robtoy was not present at the September meeting. Jill seconded, all in favor. Regarding the minutes of August 23, JoAnn made motion to approve the minutes of August 23, with the following correction: approval of 30 hours of County Sheriff speed enforcement, instead of 30 hours it should read approval of \$1100.00.

Jill made a motion that the Board begins their meetings at 6:00 p.m. instead of 6:30, during the winter months. JoAnn seconded, all in favor. JoAnn agreed to post this change at three locations.

Jill would like to create a separate account regarding the overtime that is being used for work on the garage. This would help to separate costs when we are budgeting for next year.

Jill made a motion to finish the project on Steven's Brook Road. JoAnn seconded, all in favor. Fred agreed to advise David as to what needs to be done to complete the project.

Jill reported that Doug Boyden has been getting a separate bill for electricity that is being used on a security light across from the school. The Town did put the light there for several reasons; however, Doug should not be paying for that. Jill made a motion that the security light charge should be added on to the Town Clerks electricity expense and deleted from Doug Boyden's bill. Fred seconded. All in favor.

Jill brought it to the attention of the Board that representatives from U-45 should bring us up to snuff regarding the new by-law changes and planning issues. Jill agreed to contact Jeff Larkin and have him update us on the pending issues at Thatcher Brook and Crossett Brook.

Respectively submitted,