

Duxbury Selectboard Minutes  
May 9, 2005

The meeting was called to order by Paul Brusa at 6:03 p.m.

Board members present were Jill Smith, Joanne Berno, Paul Brusa, Todd Liberty, and Fred Collins.

Others present were David Quenneville and David Specht.

The meeting began with a discussion of bills. Paul Brusa made the motion that the board deposit the insurance check for the truck into Line Item 135 and transfer \$394.70 from Line Item 135 into Line Item 313. Fred Collins seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

There was a follow-up motion by Paul to pay Ray's Auto Body \$1,972.34 from Line Item 135 of the budget. The motion was seconded by Jill Smith. There was no discussion. The motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

There was a motion by Jill Smith to pay for the construction of the flashing beacon from Line Item 117. The motion was seconded by Paul Brusa. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Regarding the minutes of the April 11 meeting, Jill made a small correction to the minutes (Jill, I didn't get that correction down). Fred had a couple of questions about the minutes since he wasn't at the last meeting. Jill Smith made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 11; this was seconded by Todd Liberty. The motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 abstention.

Jill Smith made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3 meeting. Joanne Berno seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0.

Jill Smith made a motion that the town clerk be directed to pay \$75 for the bike rodeo out of Line Item 447. The was seconded by Joanne Berno and passed by a vote of 5-0.

The Road Report was given by Todd Liberty. This was followed by a discussion about paving. Todd talked to David Quenneville about employee evaluations which will be May 1 and November 1. There was a safety discussion and there are no first aid kits in the trucks. David will look into getting some. Todd has the initial copy of the entire summer work plan; there was a discussion with David about the projects.

Todd has submitted a grant for a dry fire hydrant. This will require a backhoe, gravel, and labor from the town.

There was a discussion about a Route 100 upgrade from the town garage to the Route 100B intersection which has surfaced again from the state Agency of Transportation. Fred Collins will attend a meeting about this on May 26, and the board gave him its approval to support the upgrade.

The board will direct that the town office is to be connected to DSL within 30 days as voted. The contract with Waitsfield Telecom should be ended.

Jill brought up the fact that the traffic coming off the hill near the Lewis' house is not safe; generally they don't stop and they don't yield. Ernie Englehardt, manager of the District 6 roads, will be contacted about this problem.

Regarding Green-Up Day, many tires were collected from around the land at Crossett Brook School. All were wondering who will be paying for taking those tires away.

There was a discussion about the Meeker Meadow Road Project. David Quenneville will meet with Gunner McCain and the Selectboard will wait for a recommendation by the road foreman.

There were no townspeople to address the board at this meeting.

Jill Smith made a motion to reappoint Catherine Gjessing and Alan Quackenbush to 4-year terms on the Planning Commission. This was seconded by Joanne Berno and passed by a vote of 5-0.

There was a motion by Jill Smith to appoint Mark Morse as 911 coordinator. This was seconded by Paul Brusa and passed by a vote of 5-0.

A mistake was made in the hourly rate of Ron Kerin's paycheck. Paul Brusa made a motion to retroactively pay Ron Kerin from January 10, 2005, to get him to the correct rate of \$17.30 per hour. This motion was seconded by Jill Smith. During the discussion it was stated that Todd Liberty will be signing off on bills while Jill is out of town. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Under New Business there was a discussion about the placement of the sign for the town garage. After a trip out to the sign and discussion it was decided that the sign will be relocated further up the hill. David will check with the state regarding state signs for the town garage.

Under Old Business Paul told about the upcoming Tax Abatement Hearing. He explained the procedure to new members for tax abatement. David Specht will print out guidelines as to what can be discussed in executive session.

On May 16 there is a tax sale at 10 a.m. Todd Liberty will be there to represent the Selectboard.

There will be a Board of Civil Authority Meeting on May 26 prior to the June 7 ballot count. The people on the Selectboard are automatically members. June 7 is the bond vote for improvements to the Thatcher Brook School.

Jill presented the board with a copy of the Grafton Resolution which has been signed by many Vermont towns and states that education funds shall not go for other projects. A motion was made by Jill to sign on to this resolution. Fred Collins seconded this and the motion was passed by a vote of 5-0.

Under Other Business Joanne Berno made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the third employee. This motion was seconded by Paul Brusa and passed by a vote of 5-0.

The board came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. Paul Brusa moved to offer Mr. Kerin the permanent road crew position with benefits. Jill Smith seconded the motion and it passed by a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.