

DUXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 13, 2005

Members Present: Joanne Berno, Paul Brusa, Fred Collins, Todd Liberty (Todd left the meeting for a while to attend Crossett Brook's grade 8 graduation), Jill Smith

Others Present: Ken Scott, David Quenneville, Jason Dalley, Mo Lavanway, Gary Wickes, Gunner McCain, Ted Lattrell

The first order of business was to address an overage of \$5378 which will occur as a result of hiring the third employee. After some discussion which centered around whether or not the board has the authority to transfer funds from other line items, it was decided that we would be able to save money in other places to make up for this deficit.

Paul Brusa asked for the board's approval of the 100 on 100 race (100 miles on RT. 100) which is to raise money for the Howard Children's Center. Twenty runners will be running through Duxbury on August 20. A motion was made by Jill Smith that the board approve the 100 on 100 relay for this year. Todd Liberty seconded the motion, and it passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

Along those same lines Paul also had a request for approval of the Leaf Peepers Half Marathon which will be held on October 2. Jill Smith made the motion to approve with Fred Collins seconding the motion. As part of the discussion it was noted that we needed to look into the liability insurance for them. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Ken Scott said that he had no problem going to DSL and will do it in a few weeks because of some correspondence he is currently involved in with Washington County. Hopefully July 15 will be when the change can occur.

Regarding the town officer appointment completion, no one on the list of interested people appeared at the meeting. Alan is going to advertise the planning commission post.

Regarding the drug policy, alcohol policy, and sexual harassment policy for town employees, the board decided that since the board probably won't be reviewing the current personnel policy right away, they would be written as separate, stand alone policies. Copies will be made and given to the employees with a copy to be put into town records.

In reviewing the minutes of the May 9, 2005, meeting it was decided to amend the last motion to state that the third employee would be paid at the rate of \$15.50 per hour with vacation accrual from the start date of February, 2004, and with no lapses in benefits for his family. At this point Jill Smith moved to accept the minutes of May 9 as amended. All were in favor by a vote of 4-0.

David Quenneville will check the bill for winter sand; 3,392 yards of screening sand at \$1.50 and \$1.65 was quoted. He will check on that. Regarding other road news, David reported that it will cost \$3034.60 for the hemlock for the Mill Road bridge. Everything will be covered for \$4,000. He hasn't gotten the pressure treated cost yet. Paul Brusa moved that the selectboard expend an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from the pavement and equipment escrow to complete the Mill Bridge work on the Tourin Road. Joanne Berno seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

Fred Collins reported on the Rt. 100 meeting which was held in Waitsfield. Route 100 through Duxbury was a priority with two 12-foot lanes with 4-foot shoulders which would allow bicycle lanes. Fred said he was not opposed to that. The state would like a letter from the town telling Duxbury's feelings about the reconstruction. We would like Duxbury to be a priority

for reconstruction as soon as possible. Sue Minter would like a copy of this letter for her legislative committee.

Joanne Berno said she felt the phone bill for the new building is out of line. She is going to see what the bill is this month and perhaps do some checking.

Paul Brusa reported that employee Scott Woodard had received a verbal warning from him about the use of town equipment for personal use. Fred Collins will bring the policy up during his regular meeting with the road crew.

There was a discussion among people attending the meeting of the Meaker Road repairs. Gunner McCain submitted a document on behalf of his client, Marjo, Inc., regarding the Meaker Road upgrade and drainage. He said that this was intended to get all parties involved on the same page so that the project could move forward. The selectboard is willing to sell the culverts at the state rate to Jason Dalley. The size of them will have to meet state standards. After much discussion, all parties agreed on the following solution with a timetable: a) David Quenneville and Gunner McCain are going to mark where the bottom three culverts will go and flag them. They will mark out a water bar at the top and flag it also. Then Jason Dalley can start where he wants to; b) Following this, Gunner and David will mark three more culverts as previously stated, and they will determine the culvert length; c) At the end of four months, by October 13, the culverts will be in and the road will be properly drained, ditched, seeded, and mulched; d) At each selectboard meeting between now and then, Jason Dalley will report to the selectboard on the progress of this project.

Following this there was some discussion initiated by Mo Lavanway as a member of the Development Review Board concerning the future upkeep of this road in terms of where the responsibility for it will lie. In light of the fact that others are interested in lots on that road, the DRB feels that in the future it would make sense to have some sort of association to be responsible for the upkeep of this road. Paul Brusa reminded all that it is considered a town trail and that is all the town is responsible for.

Joanne Berno reported on the prices charged by two companies for upkeep of the town garage floors. Following this, she made a motion that the selectboard instruct Todd to set up a contract with Foley Services. Jill Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Todd Liberty reported that the town did get the dry hydrant for which he recently wrote a grant. He also reported that a townsperson wrote a letter to the board concerned that the board did not support the recent Thatcher Brook vote. Todd said he would take the letter to the board and submitted it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever