

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
August 13, 2007

Members Present: JoAnn Berno, Kym Andrews, Dick Charland, Craig Isvak, Todd Liberty

Others present: Ken Scott, Daniel MacWalters

Tax Rate: Ken Scott was present at the meeting to discuss some questions, the first being the tax rate. The state does all the figuring, and the Thatcher Brook bond is included. Craig Isvak made a motion to accept the residential tax rate of 1.4283 and the non-residential tax rate of 1.5542. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Listers: Ken Scott said that there was \$390 for the listers to go to "lister school". That led to a discussion about what their duties are compared to what Tom Vickery does. No one was really sure what those differences were, so JoAnn is going to call Tom and invite him to the next meeting to explain what his duties are and what the listers duties are.

Town Office Space: Ken presented the board with two proposals that were sent to him regarding the town office space and the vault. After the board has had time to review them, they will discuss them at the next meeting. Also, Dick Charland is going to go over and take a look at Huntington's situation to get some ideas. A person from the state said that we have about 3-5 years to address the situation. Dick will report back about Huntington at the next meeting.

Budget: The town has purchased a digital camera. Craig Isvak made a motion to move the cost for the digital camera, \$249.05, from Line Item 135 to Line Item 127. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Special Meeting: There will be a special Selectboard Meeting on August 27 at 6:30 p.m. which will be warned. At this meeting Janet Munt will make a presentation about the State Farm land.

Minutes: JoAnn Berno made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2007, Selectboard meeting. Dick Charland seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Townsperson to Address the Board: Dan MacWalters attended the meeting to inform the board of his concerns with excessive storm water run-off coming down and filling the banks of his water basin, probably due to subdivisions of land above him. Also, it seems that a private citizen filled in another nearby swale which has contributed greatly to the problem. After some discussion about whose ultimate responsibility this was and how it could be remedied, Todd Liberty suggested that the board go up and look at the situation

which is on Morse Road. The board will do this on August 27 at 6 p.m. and proceed from there.

Road Report: There has been further progress on resolving the Richardson Road issue with Erik Mogensen. Todd Liberty said that the board is going to let him fix 112 ft. of Class 4 road at his expense with several stipulations. Todd will take care of typing up the agreement with Erik which will be at the Town Clerk's office for the rest of the board to sign.

The town is going to have to look into buying a new grader.

A citizen has raised the issue of speed on Camel's Hump Road. After some discussion, JoAnn said she would call the sheriff's office to see if they could get a machine up there to measure speeds.

Regarding the question at last month's meeting on using monies out of escrow to repair a bridge for which the town has received a grant, Mark Morse clarified that this requires a special town meeting which has to be warned in three places. The board feels that this issue can be taken care of at town meeting.

Kym Andrews reported that Moretown wants to know if Duxbury would let them leave their town truck in the Duxbury garage again this winter. In exchange, Moretown would waive the \$1800 fire fee. The board agreed that this could be done as long as certificates of insurance were provided. Todd will check with David Quenneville about this and get the information to Ken Scott.

Town Plan: The Planning Commission held a public hearing about the one word change that needed to be made in the Town Plan. Also, at this time the Planning Commission is applying for a grant which has a deadline of September 28 for which a town plan needs to be in order. Since the Regional Planning Commission would not be able to approve the new Town Plan by that time, JoAnn Berno made the motion that we delay the process of finalizing the Town Plan change until after September 28 to facilitate the application for the grant. Todd Liberty seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

New Business: Mo Lavanway has resigned from the Development Review Board(DRB). The DRB would like the selectboard to appoint the current alternate, Eric Ladensack, to fill out Mo's term; the DRB would like Martin Berno to be appointed as the alternate in place of Eric Ladensack. Todd Liberty made the motion that we accept the DRB's recommendation. Craig Isvak seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

There will be a Town Fair on Tuesday, October 11, at the Champlain Valley Fair Grounds.

There is a 2007 recreation facilities grant application available.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting is on September 10 at 6:30 p.m. There is a special meeting on August 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever