

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
May 14, 2007

Members present: Jo Ann Berno, Todd Liberty, Kym Andrews, Dick Charland

Others present: Pam Dever, Dawn Poitras, Jeff Poitras, Zeb Towne, Steve Gladsky, Stan Walker, Doug Stewart, Erik Mogensen, Louise Duval, Sean McVeigh, Frank McVeigh

Road Report: David Quenneville and Todd Liberty are looking into a small crack in the chloride tank and will decide what can be done about it.

Aleta Corriveau was concerned about a post that is out in the right of way. Kym will place a follow-up call to her to see if she wants to address the board.

Tony Longe is concerned about whether a post will remain in place if he puts it up again. He will take care of it with David Quenneville when David returns.

Jo Ann Berno would like a log to be established for gas for the town vehicles. Todd Liberty said he would take care of that.

There are several issues regarding parking in town right of ways; these need to be addressed because they involve several inequities, and they need to be straightened out.

Jo Ann said there is a citizen in town who has bought a grader. If there are people in town with private roads that need to be graded or plowed, we can refer these people to this person.

The job with the town crew will remain open a little longer. When David gets back we will see look at the applications and go from there.

There was a \$4100 cost for truck repair plus \$360 for towing.

Townpeople to Address the Board: Erik Mogensen is interested in widening the Class 4 section of the Richardson Road. He was at the meeting to discuss ideas on upgrading it and widening it. He is interested in doing this because it is not fun driving it, there is limited maintenance, and it is one car wide. They aren't looking to upgrading the status of the road; they just want to widen it and expand the travel portion. Jo Ann explained that upgrading a road involves a process which requires each side taking a good look at the project, getting the state involved, and involving lawyers as well. She said that the next step will be a site visit by the board. The Board scheduled a site visit with Erik Mogensen and other interested residents of the road for Sunday, May 20, at 8 a.m.

Dawn and Jeff Poitras explained that a ditch on Main Street has blocked their culvert. Jo Ann said that the Board will talk to David. He and Todd will take a look at the situation and figure out a solution.

Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission: Stan Walker and Steve Gladsky were at the meeting to speak about the Vermont Byways Program. Mr. Gladsky distributed a handout which explains the Vermont Byways Program as reflecting “a multifaceted approach to encourage communities, preservationists, business owners, business and property owners to work together to generate economic activity in a manner that protects Vermont’s rural and scenic character.” A benefit of being in the Byways Program is that a town becomes eligible for federal funding that the state doesn’t ordinarily get which may be used in a town for signage or perhaps restoration of an interesting building.

After some discussion about the Byways Program JoAnn Berno made a motion that Duxbury become a part of the Vermont Byways Program. Dick Charland seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it. Jo Ann Berno then made a motion to appoint Craig Isvak to represent Duxbury on the steering committee for this project. Todd Liberty seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Other Business: The town received a written referral from Potters’ Tree Health Care on 3 pine trees which confirmed that they are dying. The recommendation is to remove all 3 trees now and salvage the timber.

The board would like Ken to address the issue on why heating costs were over budget by 150%.

Ken purchased \$820 worth of “forever stamps.”

Delinquent taxes revenue received: March--\$16276.79; April--\$14357.18.

Jo Ann Berno made a motion to appoint Jeff Poitras to the Central Vermont State Police Community Advisory Board. Kym Andrews seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Two letters of interest were received for Delinquent Tax Collector. Todd Liberty made a motion to accept Jill Macarilla as Delinquent Tax Collector. Kym Andrews seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 3 yes and 1 no. Kym Andrews will contact her and advise her about her responsibilities.

Jo Ann Berno made a motion to appoint Eric Ladensack to the Development Review Board as an alternate. Dick Charland seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Jo Ann informed the board that she had received an email from Katherine Gjessing stating that the Planning Commission is moving forward with the amendment for the adjustment to the town plan.

Jo Ann Berno made a motion to accept the April 9, 2007, minutes. Kym Andrews seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Dick Charland asked the board how they were looking at the possible renovation to the town clerk's office from a financing point of view. Jo Ann explained that it was the feeling of the board as of February that we didn't want to be paying on two notes. There is one more year on the payment for the garage. The board's feeling was that we were not going to go into debt until that time.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever