

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
March 10, 2008

Members present: Jo Ann Berno, Kym Andrews, Craig Isvak, Todd Liberty

Others present: Ken Scott, David Quenneville, David Specht, Randy Berno

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Todd Liberty nominated Jo Ann Berno as chairperson. Craig Isvak seconded and all were in favor of the nomination.

Following this the board asked question of Ken Scott to clear up some discrepancies in the budget.

Jo Ann Berno said that she had noticed that Moretown's town report was bigger than Duxbury's, yet cost \$1,000 less to print. Kym said that was true of Middlesex's report as well. The board will look into this for next year.

Selectboard Appointments—JoAnn Berno made a motion that the following people be appointed for Duxbury Town Officers. Kym Andrews seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Service Officer—Shawn Perry

Zoning Administrator—Al Quesnel

Planning Commissioner—Chris Coliba—3 yr. term

Development Review Board—Randy Berno—5 yr. term

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Regional Planning Commission—Stan Walker

State Policy Advisory Board—Jeff Poitras

Solid Waste Management—Diane Lynch

Fence Viewer—Lars Dickson

Fence Viewer—Zeb Towne

Fence Viewer—George Welch

Inspector of Wood—George Welch

Weigher of Coal—James Perry

Fire Warden—Charlie Pelkey

Tree Warden—Eric Potter

Emergency Management—Keith Marino

E911 Coordinator—Keith Marino

Newspaper of Choice—Times Argus

Newspaper of Choice—Valley Reporter

Chair of the Board—JoAnn Berno

Clerk of the Board—Kym Andrews

Check Signer of the Board---JoAnn Berno

Check Signer of the Board—Dick Charland

While discussing the results of the annual Town Meeting, the board decided to get one more bid for new shelving in the town clerk's office to satisfy the voters. Craig Isvak will take care of getting this bid.

Townspople to Address the Board

Randy Berno attended the meeting representing the Development Review Board. He and the Selectboard had a discussion regarding a proposed development on Downsville Road and its impact on the road and concerns of homeowners already living there. Issues discussed related to safety concerns, current status of the part of the road that would be affected, upgrading of the road, and financial costs of upgrading the road especially regarding who will pay for it, and who would do the work.

Gunner McCain attended the meeting representing the land owner who is interested in selling the parcels of land on the Dowsville Road. At issue is 500 feet of road that needs widening in order for it to be feasible for people to drive up to that development. He stated that the developer is willing to pay for 75% of the cost of the upgrade up to \$7500.

David Quenneville explained what kind of work would be needed in that section of road in order for an upgrade to be safe and permanent.

Through the discussion it was agreed that much more information is necessary for any decision to be made on this issue. Currently a surveyor is determining whether that stretch of road falls into the category of a Class 3 or Class 4 road. The selectboard told Gunner that they wanted to see a plan for upgrading that included an engineering plan and drawings and the effects of this on the current homeowners.

During this discussion of the development and the proposed road upgrade, the issue of storm water run-off pertaining to this development was raised by David Specht.

Certainly no decisions will be made immediately, and it was agreed that a special meeting might be required to discuss this further. The Development Review Board is meeting about this issue on March 11.

Steve Lopsteich of Waterbury attended the meeting to talk about the Safe Routes to School Program. It is a national program to try to encourage students to walk or bike to school. Thatcher Brook and Crossett Brook schools have decided to submit a grant application which is competitive. Up to \$10,000 is available to help schools develop this program. After a short discussion Kym Andrews made the motion that the selectboard sign the letter to Jon Kaplan supporting this grant application. Craig Isvak seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Road Report—David Quenneville said that the roads will be posted on Friday, March 14. Also, because of the timing of this year's snowstorms the road crew has had to do quite a bit of weekend plowing.

David also reported that there is a dent in the garage door that will be repaired at the expense of Moretown since the dent was caused by the Moretown truck which is kept in the Duxbury Town Garage during the winter.

David feels that the town will not have any trouble selling the used loader. Several parties are interested.

Todd Liberty made a motion that we pay David Quenneville \$25 per month for use of his personal cell phone and eliminate the town's cell phone starting on April 1, 2008. Kym Andrews seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Regarding the air exchanger for the garage, Todd Liberty made the motion that the board accept New England Air Systems bid of \$4700 to install this air exchanger. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

New Business—JoAnn Berno reported that Dan MacWalters, who keeps the town's website, said that it's possible to eliminate the \$75 yearly fee for the website posting. However, this would involve redesigning the current website. The board decided that it would be best to leave things as they are for now.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2008, at which time the board will resume "summer hours" and begin the meeting at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever