

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
October 10, 2011

Members present: JoAnn Berno, Chair; Dick Charland, Craig Isvak, Mike Marshall

Others present: Jill Smith, Ken Scott, Glen Mink, Lars Dickson, Jeff Poitras, Bob Magee.
David Specht

The meeting opened at 6 p.m.

Insurance: Glen Mink of Stowe Insurance handed out to the board the new proposal which presents the final year of a 3-year package. He recommended a broadened endorsement of the general liability and also suggested that the board consider increasing the liability from \$2 million to \$5 million. This would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500 more. He also suggested looking at the current values of the equipment on which the town may be able to save some money. The Selectboard will talk over Glen's suggestions; Glen left the papers for signature, and the board will get back to him.

Road Report: Dick reported that Griffin & Griffin started the Slide project on Friday, October 7. They are down into the brook. The abutment for the bridge at Marshall Road will be pored today. By the end of the week the Camel's Hump Road project should be in good shape. Crossett Brook is all excavated and is moving along. Grading is being done and Ron Kerin is helping.

There was a citizen's curb cut request to have a 12" culvert instead of an 18" culvert. This will be referred to Steve Manosh.

Budget: Ken Scott reported that he was at the Merchant's Bank in So. Burlington today to finalize the town's line of credit of \$1.5 million to pay invoices for expenses incurred in the spring storm and Hurricane Irene.

Dick said to watch the VHB invoicing to make sure it doesn't go over the contract. Ken will watch that.

There was a question about work being done on Saturdays as it relates to overtime pay. Dick said that yes, overtime will be paid, but it will be reimbursed by FEMA.

The board then discussed the current status of invoices and payments and how it all relates to FEMA money and the short term loan. Craig reported that there is a lot of paperwork for FEMA, and it changes often. You have to be accountable for everything with codes, and there has to be an auditable trail.

There was a discussion regarding the gravel needed for Bridge 41 (Marshall Road bridge). The board agreed to ask the state for an additional 6,000 yards of gravel; if that request is granted the town will pay for the repair of the bridge.

Minutes: Ken Scott checked to see that the board did pass a motion on Friday, September 16, 2011, to approve Stuart Baker's vacation pay.

JoAnn Berno made a motion to change the October 6 minutes to read VHB instead of VHV. Craig Isvak seconded the motion and all were in favor.

JoAnn Berno made a motion to accept the minutes of September 12, 2011; September 16, 2011; September 21, 2011; September 26, 2011; September 30, 2011; and October 6, 2011. Craig Isvak seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Tom Vickery: He attended the meeting to talk about tax abatement as it relates to Hurricane Irene. He said that there is a lot of pressure from the state to pay the education part of it; he thinks that it might happen. Most people are looking at 3-4 months to get back into their homes. The abatement process has to be started by the homeowner.

Old Business: Regarding the maintenance of the town/s website, Dan has been contacted to explain his bill, but he hasn't responded yet. The board then discussed the dilemma of the current website. In a quest to find another person to maintain the town's website, David Specht volunteered to take the current website down to one or two pages with the note "Site Under Construction." He will work on writing specifications for a new website. Dick Charland made a motion that the board contact Dan MacWalters to regain the information needed to take back control of the domain of Duxbury's website. Mike Marshall will communicate in writing with Dan. David Specht will prepare a draft of the specifications so that the town can move this site to somewhere else within the next month. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

New Business: David Specht would like the town to look into the issue of a portion of some gravel that was taken from his property and used on private property. He understands that the gravel can be used for the town but is questioning whether it was OK to use it on private property. After some discussion the board said it would take the issue under advisement.

JoAnn Berno made a motion that the selectboard go into executive session at 7:45 to discuss personnel matters. Dick Charland seconded the motion and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned and the board came out of executive session at 8:15.

The next meeting will be on October 24, 2011 at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Dever