

Minutes of the Duxbury, Vermont Selectboard
Special Meeting
October 6, 2011

Selectboard members in attendance: JoAnn Berno, Dick Charland, Craig Isvak,
Mike Marshall

Public in attendance: Lars Dickson, Bob Magee, Steve Manosh, Jeff Poitros,
Harry Rook, Jill Smith, David Specht

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 by Chairperson JoAnn Berno. The agenda was to consist of the road report and the reposting of road crew jobs. Dick Charland presented the road report.

Road Report

Bridge 41 (Marshall Rd. bridge): Charland reported that yesterday a pad was poured, today footing was poured, tomorrow construction on abutment forms would begin. The project completion time was estimated at two weeks. The upper Hump roadwork was in progress with trees being removed to relieve bank pressure. The state has approved removal 3000 yards of gravel for town road projects. Berno had emailed the gravel request to Gary Sawyer. Manosh is looking for guardrails for the upper Hump road. Charland said the Governor's disaster manager Lunderville was to be apprised of progress on Duxbury projects.

Bridge 35 (Crosset Hill): Charland reported one abutment was up, ledge was encountered constructing the other. Marshall asked if it would hinder progress. Charland said ledge topography was needed by VHV, the consulting engineers. There was concern about slope stability. Planning time is critical. SD Ireland was to transfer staff to the Camel's Hump project during the interim. There was also discussion of the Pollander project, use of boulders from Crossett for the project and the site of the original stream path.

Lower Camel's Hump Rd. Slide: Marshall inquired if engineering study for previous proposal would be relevant to new construction plan to keep from duplicating costs. Charland said present plan has been reviewed by John Grenier, previous study was no longer relevant, Construction was ready to proceed. Discussion among Magee, Marshall and Charland ensued concerning the tightness of the schedule given the amount of gravel to be transported. Approximate total cost of the slide project was to be \$232,383, a portion of the cost will be stone obtained by the town. Charland moved to accept Griffen&Griffen's bid for construction at slide. Berno accepted; approval was unanimous. Griffen&Griffen estimated 3-4 weeks until completion.

Job Postings

Discussion ensued concerning practical skills, fair interview technique, and relocation requirements. The Times Argus, Waterbury Record, Stowe Reporter, Hardwick Gazette, Morrisville Messenger, Craigslist and newspapers in the Orleans area were all agreed to be useful sites for job posting. Deadline for applications was to be Oct 17.

Harry Rook explained the purpose of the newly established road committee was to take the long view of road repair and make recommendations to the selectboard and road foreman involving both long- and short-term goal. Minutes from road committee meetings will be available to the public as required by law.

Charland moved to adjourn the meeting; Isvak seconded, the motion passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lars Dickson