

**MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD MEETING HELD ON  
November 9, 2015**

**APPROVED**

**PRESENT:** Amy Scharf, John Murphy, Betty Gibbs, Maureen Harvey, Lars Dickson, Jeff Poitras, Burton Green, Sr., Eric Latrell, Jill Smith.

**Called to Order** by Chair Amy Scharf at 6:05 PM and selectboard members introduced.

**Additions/Changes to the agenda**

10/20 minutes added for approval

**Chair's Opening Statement**

Amy reiterated a request to all citizens, no matter what Town they were from, to listen well and to let others finish when speaking at selectboard meetings. Amy then asked the Citizens in attendance to list ten things that they thought were positive about Duxbury Town.

Those in attendance created the following list of attributes;

1. Fully engaged Emergency Management Committee
2. Duxbury is still rural.
3. Duxbury attracts people involved in the natural world
4. Kids (and adults) have a safe place to play
5. Lots of old Vermonters living in Town.
6. Lots of families with multi-generational Duxbury roots.
7. Wonderful Historical Society
8. Citizen interest in Town affairs/meetings.
9. Willingness of neighbors to help neighbors in need.
10. Extremely generous citizenry when it comes to showing support for the auto parts industry.

**Approval of Minutes**

Maureen made a motion to accept the 10/12/2015 minutes, with changes. John seconded and all were in favor.

Maureen made a motion to accept the 10/20/2015 minutes, with changes. John seconded and all were in favor.

Maureen made a motion to accept the 10/26/2015 minutes. John seconded and all were in favor.

**Citizen & Visitors to address the board**

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**Jeff Poitras** complained about cars speeding on the River Road as well as the traffic at the day care center backing out onto Main street in the morning, after dropping kids off. Much discussion about cars speeding on River Road and possible solutions. John will contact AOT about the possibility of making the junction of Winooski Street and River Road a three-way stop as well as moving the white stop line, for the one sign that is currently in place, inward, onto the bridge decking.

Amy will speak with the day care operators and ask them to alert the parents to use the drive through and not back onto Main Street.

**Burt Green** addressed the Board, inquiring about the Town's plans for the gravel pit land, now that it is closing. He was told that, once the Town had satisfied all Act 250 requirements and the pit was officially closed the fate of the land would be put to the voters to decide at Town Meeting.

Burt also asked about culling some trees off the tree line left as a screen between his property and the gravel pit. He feels it would be in the best interest of the properties, his and the Towns, to take some of the trees down before they fall down or get hung up. Maureen will ask Eric Potter to review and make a recommendation to the board.

## **Reports**

### Highway Foreman

Adam was not in attendance.

There was an incident where a car travelling the opposite way on the River Road last week tossed an object out of their window, striking and breaking a grader window. Adam wasn't injured and has given the police the make and color of the car.

Bolton Gravel Pit is closed. Time to finish up on Pollander Road and get the equipment ready for Winter.

### **Treasurer**

Motion made by Maureen to approve the corrections made to the 2014 Grand List. Betty seconded and all approved.

Motion made by John to spend no more than \$300.00 for a light to illuminate the area outside of the Town Clerk's Office, leading to the parking lot. Betty seconded and all approved.

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### **Emergency Management Committee**

**Lars Dickson** reported that our insurance carrier has indicated that volunteers, working under the direction of the Town, would fall under the Town's insurance policy. The Deforge property is a second home and as such is not eligible for recovery services available through programs access through emergency management. Testing of the radios, base and hand held, will take place in the near future.

### **New Business**

Maureen made a motion to name the private road at the end of Dowsville Road, Dowsville Heights Road. Betty seconded and all were in favor.

John made a motion to enter into a one year service agreement with Brookfield Generator Service. Betty seconded and all were in favor.

John reviewed the Town's Dog Ordinance and found it to be out of compliance with the Vermont Judicial Bureaus requirements for Town Ordinances. He will present the Board with an amended Town Dog Ordinance for consideration at the December meeting.

### **Zoning Issues**

Follow up communication regarding the issues on Turner and Ward Hill need to take place.

### **Class IV Road Policy**

John made a motion to approve the amended Class IV Road and Trail Policy, with the change agreed upon on page 2. Betty seconded and all approved.

John made a motion to go into Executive session, to discuss a personnel matter, at 8:27 PM, Betty seconded and all approved. John made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:07 PM., Amy seconded and all approved.

John Made a motion that Betty share and discuss the November 5, 2015 Audit Recommendation letter, provided to the Board by Bonnie Batchelder, CPA, with Beth and that the Board further discuss the audit recommendations after Betty meets and hears from Beth. Betty seconded and all were in favor

John made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 PM. Betty seconded and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

John B. Murphy  
Selectperson

