

Duxbury Special Select Board Meeting

July 22, 2013

Present: Maureen Harvey, Richard Charland, Mo Lavanway, Jodi Carpenter, Doug Weber, Kerry Jackson, Mark Morse, Lois Haslam, Jamison Ervin, Kim Greenwood, Stephanie Koonz, Don Welch, David Patterson, Audrey Quackenbush, Alan Quackenbush, Kate Wanner, Adam Magee, Brenda Clarkson, Brian Fitzgerald, Shaunee Perry, Richard ????, Linda Devlin, Chris Pratt and Fred Pratt.

Kate Wanner from the Trust for Public Land came to discuss the federal purchase of 2,085 acres in Dowsville that is adjacent to Camel's Hump State Park. She explained that she is working with the owners to prepare an application for the purchase of the property. The state would rank the applications and forward the top applications to the US Forest Service who would be the purchaser of the property. Once the property was purchased it would be turned over to the state for management. The application needs to be sent to the state this month and she would like a letter of support from the Selectboard to accompany the application. If the application is selected by the state and forwarded to the US Forest Service they would be doing their review in 2014. If it passes that review the appropriation for the purchase would be in the federal budget for review in 2015. If the application passes all those steps the purchase would probably take place in 2016.

Many residents came out in support of the purchase in the hopes of keeping it from being developed. The Selectboard expressed concerns about the increase in traffic and the impact on the abutting landowners. The residents did not believe that the impact would be great and were in favor of the purchase. Review of the process was discussed and it was agreed that if the state took ownership of the property they would have a public hearing on the management plan of the property. That would be the time to address town concerns of keeping the plow turn around clear, ample parking for users of the property and the disruption to the abutting landowners.

Mo made the motion to have the selectboard submit a letter of support to accompany the application, Maureen second. All in favor.

The use of the proceeds of the 2000 tandem were discussed. Escalating cost of the 2003 truck was discussed as well and the budget over run for the heat. Maureen made the motion to apply \$2,000 to line 132 HEAT and \$4,300 to line 124B 2003 TANDEM of the budget. Mo second, All in favor.

Discussion of the purchase of tire chains. The purchase would be substantial and with budget considerations it was decided to postpone the purchase until the August meeting. In the mean time Adam will prepare a detailed list of the purchase he would like to make and the selectboard will review the existing budget to try to find the funding.

Maureen made motion to adjourn, at 7:22 p.m. Seconded by Mo. All in favor.