

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
November 14, 2011

Members present: JoAnn Berno, Chair; Dick Charland, Ames Robb

Others present: Ken Scott, Steve Manosh, Lars Dickson, Phyllis Berry, Jeff Poitras, Marcia Sweet, Dan MacWalters, Jill Smith, Jamie Irvin, Bill Richardson

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes and Budget: Dick Charland made a motion to approve the minutes of October 24, 2011; Ames Robb seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Dick said that the new computer has been ordered and that they are shipping the parts to us. Dick Charland then made the motion that we pay for the computer out of Line Item 135. Ames Robb seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Dick announced that the road committee had a meeting on Thursday and put together a proposed budget for the highway department which will be examined when we look at the whole budget.

Ken Scott said that he is waiting for a bid to come in for digitalization of records, maps, etc. He expects it to be around \$1,600, and he will put it in the budget.

The question arose as to whose responsibility it is to keep the tax maps updated. It has been the listers' responsibility in the past, and the listers will be invited to the December 12 meeting to discuss this.

Dick Charland made a motion to sign the agreement with the State of Vermont to approve the FEMA funding. Ames Robb seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Front Porch Forum: Jamie Irvin attended the meeting representing Front Porch Forum. She explained how Front Porch Forum works. Duxbury's site is across Vermont, but only Duxbury can view Duxbury's page. Currently it is up and running and there are 50-60 people taking part. Our contribution is \$400, but Jamie said that they are still talking with Ben and Jerry's about covering the costs. Questions can go to Jamie Irvin or Michael Lewis. We will try to get the word out about Front Porch Forum.

Road Report: Steve Manosh submitted a curb cut permit for Henry McKee. JoAnn Berno made a motion to approve and sign it with the conditions on the permit. Ames Robb seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Dick Charland made a motion to approve the McCullough proposal for crushing gravel. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Steve Manosh reported receiving two bids for guard rails on Camel's Hump and Dowsville Road. Dick Charland made a motion that we accept the proposal from LaFayette. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Steve requested new tire chains for the trucks because the current ones are pretty worn. He got three different prices, and the board will take a look at the request as they prepare the budget.

Camel's Hump Road is about ready to open again. Dick Charland made a motion to take the "Road Closed" signs down for Camel's Hump road. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Marcia Sweet attended the meeting to report about a situation on her land which she had talked to FEMA about, and they sent her to discuss it with the selectboard. As a result of the flood, the brook has changed dramatically on her road and there are trees down that will create a dam along the brook. The brook is now level with their property, and it used to be 3 feet down. She wants help from the town in cutting the trees back. Dick said the town can take a look at it but can make no promises about how they could help. Dick said he would talk to Patrick Ross tomorrow and give her a call.

Old Business: The issue of the town website has yet to be resolved. The board decided to talk to Vermont Information Consortium (VIC) and appropriate an amount of money it is willing to spend. Dick will get in touch with VIC.

New Business: There is no requirement for a co-chair of the selectboard. Dick Charland moved that we drop the issue. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Development Review Board has requested that Ben McKinney be considered as a DRB alternate. He would like to be a part of the town. Ames Robb made a motion that the selectboard appoint Ben McKinney as an alternate to the DRB. Dick Charland seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

JoAnn Berno made a motion that we go back to once a month meetings since most of the pressing work from the flood is on its way to being done. Ames Robb seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Ames reported on the tri-town traffic study of Rt. 100 and 2 which will be funded by the regional planning commission.

We need a representative to the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. They meet once a month up n Berlin and all towns are represented. They try to pick projects to help the towns out.

The Road Commission recommended Ben Andrews as a road crew member. Dick Charland made a motion that we hire Ben Andrews as a third person on the road crew. Ames Robb seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Ames Robb will check on the status of the reapportionment issue in the legislature.

Two Main Street residents have requested compensation for the Casella dumpsters they used during the flood clean-up. Dick Charland made a motion to reimburse Mr. Cubit and Mr. Izor for their trash fees for \$3,500 as a result of Hurricane Irene. Ames Robb seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever