

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
December 12, 2011

Members present: JoAnn Berno, Chair; Richard Charland, Mike Marshall, Ames Robb

Others present: Ken Scott, Steve Manosh, Jeff Poitras, Shawn Magee, Scott Woodard, Bob Magee, Steve Wilder, Jill Smith, Ken Girffith, David Patterson, Alan Quackenbush, Eric Ladensack, Ed Touchette, Kristin Fountain, Bill Shepuluk, John Grenier, Jason Sicard

Road Report: Steve Manosh reported that lately almost all his spare time has been spent with FEMA. He will get the roads graded this week. FEMA wants an enormous amount of documentation which has tied Steve up and this is just with the April storm. The FEMA person leaves Thursday to go home for the holidays, but he will be back. The hard part is having contractors document every single little thing they do.

The Road Committee with the help of Bob Magee is evaluating the equipment, and there are a lot of repairs that need to be done, which includes replacing the body on the 2003 truck. The committee will come up with a prioritized list for every piece of equipment.

Guard rails still need to be done on Camel's Hump.

Shawn Magee requested the town to look at a 6-inch culvert on his property as a result of a wash out in 2008. He doesn't want that culvert there, and it has caused issues over the last few years. He would like something done about it. Dick Charland made a motion that we table this issue now and go up and take a look to see how the issue can be addressed sometime in the next week. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Citizens to Address the Board: Ken Griffith attended the meeting regarding a trailer parked on his property for more than 6 months. He was issued a violation by the zoning administrator. The zoning regulation is that you can only have a trailer on property for 6 months before you have to have a permit for a permanent dwelling. Ken is requesting a grace period of 6 months. Dick Charland made the motion that we postpone this until the January meeting to talk with Al and get a copy of the zoning regulations. Mike Marshall seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Alan Quackenbush, Chair of the Duxbury Land Trust thanked the selectboard for their work during the flood. However, he said that the Land Trust was disappointed that they weren't contacted before their land was clear-cut and graded. They would have liked notification. He requested that going forward, the board notify landowners. Alan said that he would like to organize a study of brooks and streams in town and look at erosion hazard areas. FEMA money is available for that. Dick said that 2 weeks ago he met with a person from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission. They have money

for a river study. Dick will contact Alan to see when a convenient time would be to meet about it.

Ed Touchette attended the meeting to request that the board reimburse him for dumpsters used during Irene. Dick Charland made a motion that the town reimburse Ed Touchette a total of \$565.50 for dumpsters used during the flood from Hurricane Irene. Ames Robb seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Eric Potter attended the meeting along with Barry Simpson who is the Road Commissioner in the town of Warren. The town of Warren wants to extract rock from Eric Potter's quarry to repair roads damaged by Hurricane Irene. It is late and quarries are closing, so they approached Eric with the idea of getting rock from his quarry. Mr. Simpson proposed that Duxbury give a temporary permit to get rock from Eric's quarry. JoAnn Berno then explained that this would not be an easy or quick process as November 15 was the expiration date for getting a permit. Plus then they would have to go through the DRB. Mr. Simpson said that Ed Stanak from the state was coming out the next day to view the project. So it was decided that Mr. Simpson would inform the selectboard about what Mr. Stanak said about extending the expiration date and they would take it from there.

Waterbury Fire Contract: Bill Shepeluk and John Grenier attended the meeting to discuss and answer questions about the new contract for service from the Waterbury Fire Department. The contract price will go up considerably this year because of the new fire stations in Waterbury. They have used the same formula as in the last few years to figure Duxbury's share, which is going up in proportion to what Waterbury is paying. The proposed contract for Duxbury is \$102,614. Waterbury still needs to wait for some final numbers at the end of the year at which time Bill Shepeluk will send Duxbury the firm proposal for the new fire contract.

Budget: Dick gave Ken Scott the budget sheets for the highway department for the 2012 budget. The overall impact on the budget is \$42,000. Ken also submitted his budget which included a 4% raise for the Town Clerk. JoAnn will work on the charitable giving section of the budget. The board set up a meeting for January 3, 2012, at 6 p.m. to finish the budget.

JoAnn Berno made a motion that we transfer \$360 from Line Item 133 to Line Item 223 to compensate for internet coverage that is billed to the garage but used by the town office as well. Dick Charland seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Ken Scott had JoAnn sign off on the errors and omissions from the lists. Also, he said he had another request for tax abatement. He requested a meeting for the Board of Abatement for January 9 before the regular selectboard meeting. The board approved that meeting.

New Business: Dick Charland said the Road Committee was working on setting multiple levels in the highway department employee structure. Dick made a motion to increase

position C (Line Item 141-C) by 50 cents per hour effective January 1, 2013. Ames Robb seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

JoAnn Berno reported that the organizers of the Leaf Peepers Marathon want to contribute some money to an organization that gets money to the Duxbury people. The board agreed to think about this and talk about it on January 3.

Dick Charland made a motion that directs Steve Manosh to tow cars that are parked in Dowsville Road. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Old Business: Ames Robb presented the board with three proposals she had obtained for the new town website. After some discussion, Ames Robb made a motion that the town allocate up to \$3,875 for Year 1 annual costs of a website with Gov Office. Mike Marshall seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever