

**SELECTBOARD MEETING
December 8, 2014**

PRESENT: Dick Charland, Maureen Harvey, Mo Lavanway, Amy Scharf, Adam Magee, John Murphy, Diane Sansone, Daniel Izor, Kalev Freeman, Matt Mientka, Jesse Ruferaeht, Ryan Karp

Dick called the meeting to order at 6pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November 10, 2014 Mo made motion to accept with changes, Maureen second. All in favor.

November 24, 2014 Mo made motion to accept with changes, Marty second. All in favor.

Mo made a motion to have Connie start work cleaning the town office space, Marty second. All in favor.

December 1, 2014 Mo made motion to accept with changes, Marty second. All in favor.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Uniform contract - Executive Session - transfer of funds - 2003 tandem info

CITIZENS AND VISITORS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Citizens came to discuss Fr. Logue's Camp.

FR. LOGUE'S CAMP

Dick gave an overview of the Logue Camp property. Told the citizens that it was considered for a gravel pit but did not appear to be a suitable location. He thought the town would try to retain the property and Brian Fitzgerald wanted to bring it before the planning commission. The planning commission was going to get back to the Board in January. No plans have been formulated and it will require a lot more discussion and review of the options before a decision is made.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT

Adam asked that the word be spread that the plow truck has the right of way. Citizens have actually hit the truck with their shovels which is uncalled for and dangerous. They are large vehicles and cannot stop quickly. They have used a large amount of the sand already this year. Adam recommended that we get another 1000 yards. The 2003 dump body had a pin that seized up. The 09 truck blew a belt tensioner and they are waiting for the part. It should arrive tomorrow for them to complete the repair.

TREASURERS REPORT

The treasurer did not attend the meeting but provided the check warrants for signature.

ROAD COMMITTEE REPORT

Discussed the repairs on the 2008, gravel pit gate repair and progress on the gravel pit.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Mame was delayed providing healthcare assistance and was not able to attend the meeting and did not provide a report.

SIGN BILLS

Dick reminded Selectboard Members the Warrants were on the table for their review and approval.

PERSONNEL POLICY

The attorney will review after the first of the year.

RYAN ROAD

January we will have the licensing for the turn around reviewed. Maureen asked if we had received a response from the letters sent to the residents on Marshall and Connelly Roads. Mo said that he had not.

ACT 250

Mo made a sketch of the gravel pit that was reviewed with the road committee and Adam. He has forwarded the sketch to the engineer to provide a quote to have the plans drawn up.

REVIEW OF FEMA STATUS

The payment for a FEMA reimbursement for the 2014 storm should be processed. The work on the Cubit property is complete and the final report has been filed. It should be reimbursed and finalized by year end.

TABACCO USE ON TOWN PROPERTY

Discussion ensued of implementing a no smoking policy at town buildings. Motion made by Dick to implement a 50 foot no smoking area from town building. Mo asked to amend it to 25 feet, Maureen second, all in favor to implement a 25 foot smoke free zone from town buildings.

DOWSVILLE

Jason Nerenberg from Vermont Department of Forest, Park, and Recreation requested that a gate be put up on Vigilante Road. It will be reviewed and considered at a future date.

UNIFIRST CONTRACT

It appears that the terms that Mo was questioning were in the fine print. The annual increase would be the CPI or 5%. Signing the contract would be granting a five year extension to the current contract with new lower rates. Dick made a motion to accept the contract extension, Mo second, All in favor

TOWN REPORT

In coordinating the printing of the town report the people contributing year end reports need to have them to the town clerk by January 16th to prepare the publication.

BUDGET PREP

The board reviewed the 1-8 General Government sections of the budget and entered the numbers for the first six months of 2015 and FY 2015/2016.

Marty made a motion to go into executive session AT 8:05 seconded by Mo All in favor

Motion was made by Mo to come out of executive session at 9:25, Marty seconded, All in favor.

Motion was made by Dick to adjourn at 9:30 pm. Seconded by Marty, all in favor.

Submitted by Maureen Harvey 12/12/2014.



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November 10, 2014

Richard Charland, Chair
Duxbury Selectboard
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Dear Mr. Charland,

I'm writing on behalf of the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks, and Recreation to express our excitement over the acquisition of approximately 2000 acres currently owned by Forecastle Timber Vermont LLC. As you are well aware, this parcel will likely be acquired by the Trust For Public Land and then transferred to state ownership to be added to Camel's Hump State Park. We believe this will be a valuable addition to what is already a treasured piece of public land.

We do expect that state ownership may increase the visibility of this parcel and thus increase its popularity with a variety of recreational visitors including hikers, skiers, mountain bikers, hunters, wildlife enthusiasts, and more. It is important to recognize that the vast majority of visitors have a great respect for the land and neighboring properties.

At the same time, there are always a small number of visitors who lack the same respect for land and who often have an impact far greater than their numbers. Therefore I write today in support of a gate to be erected on the Vigilante Road near its intersection with Dowsville Road. We are in agreement with the Trust For Public Land, Enid Rosenblum, and Tim Schoonmaker that such a gate would do a great deal to protect neighboring properties, road infrastructure, and most importantly the natural resources of Camel's Hump State Park and surrounding properties. We expect that a gate would be a significant barrier to illegal ATV access.

It is our intention to use the Right-of-Way as general access for pedestrian and non-motorized recreational use, as well as appropriate snowmobile access in cooperation with a local snowmobile club. Additionally we anticipate using the Vigilante Road for forest management purposes.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional question. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Nerenberg".

Jason Nerenberg
Stewardship Forester

Cc: Kate Wanner, Trust for Public Land; Tim Schoonmaker; Enid Rosenblum

