

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
March 14, 2011

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

Others present: Ken Scott, Jill Smith, Todd Liberty, Steve Manosh, John
Santamore, Jeff Poitras, Eric Ladensack, Shawnee Perry,
Gloria Rapalee

The meeting began at 6 p.m.

New Members and Chairperson

New selectboard members were introduced, Mike Marshall and Ames Robb. Then Craig Isvak nominated JoAnn Berno as chair. Mike Marshall nominated Craig Isvak as chair, but Craig declined. JoAnn Berno was elected to be the Chairperson of the Duxbury Selectboard.

Town Officers

After a short discussion of whether to appoint these positions at this meeting or give people a chance to submit letters of interest, the board decided to appoint people tonight as is usually done and make the openings that are still left public.

JoAnn Berno made a motion to appoint Al Quesnel as Zoning Administrator; Craig Isvak seconded the motion; all were in favor of it.

On the Planning Commission, Wayne Walker has resigned and Rick Scharf is willing to serve again. JoAnn made a motion to appoint Rick Scharf to the Planning Commission, and Ames Robb seconded the motion; all were in favor.

On the Development Review Board, Wayne Walker has resigned, and Will Senning has stepped up to that position. Randy Berno's term is up, and he has expressed interest in continuing. Richard Charland nominated Randy Berno for another term; Craig Isvak seconded. The vote was 3 yes (Richard

Charland, Craig Isvak, Ames Robb), 1 no (Mike Marshall), and 1 abstention (JoAnn Berno).

On the Regional Planning Commission Stan Walker would like to stay on until June but then is leaving for a 2-year trip. JoAnn Berno made a motion to keep Stan Walker on that commission until June; Richard Charland seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

On the State Police Advisory Board, JoAnn Berno made a motion that Mark Morse stay in that position; Craig Isvak seconded, and all were in favor of it.

For Fence Viewers, Craig Isvak nominated the existing fence viewers and all were in favor.

For Inspector of Coal, Richard Charland nominated George Welch with a second from Craig Isvak. All were in favor.

For Weigher of Coal. Craig Isvak nominated Jim Perry with a second from Richard Charland. All were in favor of it.

For Tree Warden, Craig Isvak nominated Eric Potter with a second from Mike Marshall. All were in favor.

The position for Emergency Management Officer is still open. Lars Dixon has expressed interest but needs to know more about it. The Selectboard will assume that responsibility until it is filled.

For E-911 Coordinator, Craig Isvak nominated Keith Marino, and Richard Charland seconded the motion. All were in favor of it.

So the Town Officers are as follows:

Health Officer.....	David Specht
Service Officer.....	Shawnee Perry
Zoning Administrator.....	Al Quesnel
Planning Commission.....	Brian Fitzgerald
	Rick Scharf
	Garrett MacCurtain
	Jay Ziskrout

Development Review Board	Randy Berno Ken Griffith Eric Ladensack Zeb Towne Will Senning
Regional Planning Commission.....	Stan Walker
State Police Advisory Board	Mark Morse
Solid Waster District Representative.....	Diane Lynch Todd Hill, Alternate
Fence Viewers.....	George Welch Zeb Towne Lars Dixon
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, and Wood.....	George Welch
Weigher of Coal.....	Jimmy Perry
Fire Warden.....	Charlie Pelkey
Tree Warden.....	Eric Potter
Emergency Management Officer.....	
E-911 Coordinator.....	Keith Marino

Official Newspapers and Meeting Time

The official newspapers for the town of Duxbury have been The Valley Reporter, The Waterbury Record, and The Times Argus. Craig Isvak made a motion to keep this, and Richard Charland seconded the motion. All were in favor of it.

Craig Isvak made a motion to keep the monthly Duxbury Selectboard Meeting the second Monday of every month at 6 p.m. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Road Report

The road crew did a great job after last week's big storm. Steve Manosh, the new Road Foreman, mentioned that some of the citizens aren't cleaning up well after they do their driveway plowing and they are taking sand off the road. Todd Liberty recommended that the town send out a reminder about this issue in the tax bills.

Roads have been posted but a few more signs are needed. .

Steve Manosh is going to try to keep the overtime down this week

Minutes and Bills

JoAnn Berno made a motion to accept the minutes of February 14 and 21, 2011. Craig Isvak seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

The question was then raised about what should be in the minutes and what level of detail there needs to be. It is not supposed to be a transcript. It was mentioned that perhaps the meeting could be recorded so that citizens could come and listen to the tape if they wished. Richard Charland suggested we get an opinion from the Secretary of State. Richard Charland made the motion that we go two months with the minutes as they have been done and then review the minutes after that. Mike Marshall seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Bills were signed. JoAnn Berno explained the bill signing process to the new members. JoAnn and Richard will still sign off on bills every week, and the full board will see them at the meetings.

Ken Scott mentioned that 2 homes that were built in the late 90's had never obtained an underground permit for a culvert. The board signed a retroactive permit for a drainage culvert so that the property can be sold.

Town Constable

The town will be advertising for a town constable. A discussion ensued regarding the actual authority of a town constable with John Santamore saying that they are elected law enforcement and any authority they have has to be granted by the voters of the town. JoAnn Berno said that she would call VLCT and ask them about the town constable issue.

Traffic on River Road

This issue was put on the agenda because there have been complaints of speeding problems at the intersection of River Road and Main Street. The selectboard would like to solve the problem. Some suggestions were to have a sheriff or the state police posted there, change the speed limit to 25 mph, or perhaps make it a 3-way stop. Also suggested were speed bumps. JoAnn contacted Sue Minter to see if she could help. She encouraged the board to brainstorm and get back to her. The board decided to look into the matter further, find out what they can or cannot do, and get more suggestions from the citizenry who are most affected by this problem.

New Business

JoAnn Berno received a call about a pig running wild on Scrabble Hill. She called Zeb Towne, but the issue is an agriculture issue and not something he would be dealing with. She called the state police and a citizen made a report and is going to get a petition going because the pig's owner seems to be having trouble keeping the pig contained. It was reported, however, that it is a nice pig!

Mike Marshall was wondering if the town had a policy on conflicts of interest and ethics as recommended by the Secretary of State's office for town officials. Neither Ken Scott or JoAnn Berno are aware of a policy. Mike suggested that we put that on the agenda for the next meeting.

Todd Liberty has been doing a very good job helping with the transition to a new Road Foreman. He talks to them everyday, and they have meetings. Todd has a lot of resources that are helpful to the road crew. After some discussion about keeping Todd on for a period of time to continue to help in the transition, Richard Charland made a motion to keep Todd Liberty on as a road liaison for no remuneration for a period of 90 days or until the road foreman says he no longer needs his help. JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Regarding the issue of the Family Dollar Store, Richard Charland made a motion that the Duxbury Selectboard submit a letter to the Moretown Development Review Board saying that it wants to have interested party status in this issue. Ames Robb seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Dever