

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
April 11, 2011

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

Others present: Donald Welch, John Santamore, Doug Weber, John Senning, Jeff Poitras, Ken Scott, Steve Wilder, Charles Wallace, Andra Liberty, Todd Liberty, Steve Manosh, Jill Smith, Kym Andrews, Shawn Perry, Brian Fitzgerald, Trevor Cole

The meeting came to order at 6:00 p.m.

Road Report: The road crew has been busy fixing washouts, guard rails, etc. They are trying to get caught up on grading. There are a couple of culverts that need to be replaced. Steve is presently getting prices for sand and will soon come up with the best price per yard. Steve is also taking a tool inventory and including pictures with it.

Minutes and Bills: The board signed off on the contract with Moretown for fire protection services.

Mike Marshall made a motion to accept the March 14 minutes with one change which is under New Business. The part about Todd Liberty acting as liaison with the road crew should read . . . “for no remuneration month to month up to 90 days”. . . or until. . . JoAnn Berno seconded the motion, and all were in favor of the motion with changes.

Dick Charland looked into the garage heating which is higher this year. The garage has used 500 gallons more than in 2010 at a cost of \$3.65 per gallon; last year it was \$2.80 per gallon.

JoAnn Berno made a motion to direct the treasurer to take the remainder on the Tenco bill out of the road reconstruction account and put it into rentals. Richard Charland seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Duxbury Historical Society: Donny Welch came to the meeting to discuss with the board the historical society’s open house that they are planning for June 11 from 9-3. They will be using the meeting room as approved by the selectboard where they will have files and folders, and they want to keep that area for the archival committee. In case of inclement weather, they have requested that a portion of the garage be open for people to get out of the rain. The board said this would be fine as long as the area was clearly marked to keep people from going to other parts of the garage.

Planning Commission: Brian Fitzgerald introduced Trevor Cole to the board as a recommended person to fill an open slot on the Planning Commission. Trevor spoke about his background and enthusiasm and commitment for taking this position.

Later in the meeting Richard Charland made a motion to appoint Trevor Cole to the Planning Commission. Ames Robb seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Duxbury Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy: Mike Marshall had given the selectboard a copy of the ethics and conflict of interest policy of Richmond to read. The board then discussed aspects of having this policy including issues such as ordinance vs. policy and what would require a town meeting vote, what are examples of “conflict of interest” issues, forming an ethics committee, who it would cover. As a result of this discussion it was clear that the selectboard would like to continue in the direction of having such a policy. The board decided to take home the copy of the Richmond policy and read it; Mike will send them other information that he has, and they will come back to the May meeting with suggestions. JoAnn will get a copy of the Duxbury Personnel Policy to the new members.

Townspople to Address the Board: John Senning had some questions about the community gardens and if it would exist this year. It will, and he will get in touch with Rick Scharf for more information.

The issue of speeding on Main Street was discussed again. Richard Charland had spoken to Stan Walker who said that to make changes on Main Street it would probably take another traffic study. They also discussed ways to make people slow down such as a 3-way stop or speed bumps. An engineer with the state said Duxbury could pretty much do what it wanted to as long as they adhere to MUTCD standard. She also said that the Regional Planning Commission could help with the traffic survey. After some discussion between the board and townspople, it was decided that Richard Charland will talk further with Stan Walker and put together a letter to the Regional Planning Commission.

The town Health Officer has hand delivered a warrant to a property owner on Crossett Hill who is out of compliance with his septic system. He has to make changes within a week and says that he has already hired a consultant. The problem has been ongoing and citizens are becoming very unhappy with the situation. JoAnn Berno will call the town attorney about this situation, and the selectboard will monitor the progress on this project.

New Business: There was a question about the management of the town’s website. People are not finding things posted on it as they should be. The board discussed this and talked about the fact that they had no written contract for this service. The board will contact Dan about this.

The board had a discussion about the public records policy, which is currently an issue in the State Legislature. After a discussion about the importance of such a policy, Ames Robb recommended that we see where the bill goes in the State Legislature before taking any action.

Old Business: Regarding a drug policy, Richard Charland handed out a document on Alcohol and Drug Testing from Occupational Drug Testing. People from the state said

they have had excellent results from this. Richard will contact VLCT to see if they have a drug testing program.

The Duxbury Selectboard has filed a letter requesting party status in the Family Dollar Store hearings. The last public hearing was March 31, and they have 45 days to issue a written decision.

Richard Charland called the VLCT concerning the open constable position and found out that the selectboard can appoint one until the next time it comes up at town meeting. Richard Charland made a motion to appoint John Santamore as constable until the next town meeting. Mike Marshall seconded this motion and all were in favor of it.

JoAnn Berno made a motion that we approve permission for the organizers of the Leaf Peepers Half Marathon to run their race on October 2, 2011. Ames Robb seconded the motion and all were in favor of it. JoAnn will contact Roger Cranse, organizer.

Jeff Poitras raised the issue of a collapsed bank on the River Road, and JoAnn said she would have Steve look into it.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever