

May 9, 2011

## Duxbury Selectboard Meeting

Members Present: JoAnn Berno, Dick Charland, Craig Isvak, Mike Marshall, Ames Robb

Others present: Steve Manosh, Todd Liberty, Ken Scott, Tom Doyle, Doug Weber, Jodi Carpenter, Mary Ethel Welch, Don Welch, Jill Smith, Darren Misenko, Ron Shems, James Jennings, Barb Cote, Cris Cote, Tom Doyle, Scott Woodard, Lars Dickson, Dan MacWalters, Bob Magee, John Santamore, Steve Gladczuk, Stan Walker

Minutes: Ames Robb

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

### CVRPC

Steve Gladczuk and Stan Walker from the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission (CVRPC) presented the findings of the traffic study conducted in the River Rd./Main St area of Duxbury. They monitored speed and traffic counts toward helping the town determine how to make this area safer in response to concerns from citizens.

It was proposed that the town reduce the speed limit from 35 to 25 on Main St., and install stop signs for traffic from all three directions and see if that helps slow people down. These would be easy changes for the town to implement. If this does not help, the town could look next at reconfiguring the intersection. JoAnn will look into the requirements for changing the speed limit and installing stop signs

In a second matter, the CVRPC requested that the town of Duxbury participate with the towns of Moretown and Waterbury in studying the Route 2/100 intersection, especially given all of the pending projects that would impact traffic there. The “tri-town” group would also require participation by a designee of the Duxbury Selectboard going forward. A motion was made and seconded that the Selectboard write to CVRPC and request a traffic study at the Route 2/100 intersection. The motion passed unanimously.

Third, the CVRPC presented the idea of combining its organization with the Central Vermont Economic Development Council; they are looking for feedback on this idea. Through preliminary research it appears that some efficiencies would be gained. The Legislature would need to approve this change after a favorable vote by all affected towns.

### Road report

Steve Manosh reported that work continues on the roads, repairing and cleaning up from the storms and flooding. Camel's Hump/Scrabble Hill area is much improved but Viens is still working there; the trailhead area is still not accessible. River Road needs significant

work on ditches and culverts particularly. There is a lot of culvert and ditch clearing work required throughout town. Dowsville is done except for the guardrails. The class 4 between Dowsville and Ward Hill still needs work. Pollander Rd. has not yet been touched.

Preliminary estimates indicate well over \$1 million in total damages in Duxbury. The first estimate for repair of the road/culvert washout on Crossett Hill in front of the Rutledge's came in at \$475k. Other estimates will be obtained on that job. FEMA, VTrans and town reps will be touring damaged sites on Tuesday, May 10. Estimates for all of the work are being compiled for submission to the state and FEMA to see what type of reimbursement the town will be eligible for if all of the other pieces fall into place (Presidential declaration, Washington county declaration, etc.).

JoAnn noted that flood repair expenses are going to be addressed as a special line item in the town budget. The details of how they will be paid for are still to be determined.

Budget questions and approval of minutes was postponed in order to stay on schedule.

#### Westcott Road & Citizens to Address the Board

Selectboard members outlined their concerns about the town fixing Westcott Rd. as request by Westcott residents at the emergency meeting on May 2. Westcott Rd. residents then responded to the Selectboard's concerns. Residents of other private properties needing repair requested that they be included in the board's consideration.. It was moved that the town repair Westcott Rd on behalf of the private road residents and then submit for FEMA Public Assistance program reimbursement. One in favor, four against, the motion was denied.

Ethics & Conflict of Interest Policy – tabled for a future meeting

Health Officer Report – David Specht could not make the meeting and submitted a letter summarizing progress on the Santamore property septic issue. An engineer has been hired to design septic plans. A state wastewater division representative visited the site with the engineer and it was agreed that a mound system is required. According to the Health Officer lime has been spread as stipulated and the property owner appears to be in compliance. Another update will be provided at the June meeting.

#### Old Business

1) Website management – The town's webmaster, Dan MacWalters, was in attendance and said that the site is up to date with all of the information, minutes, etc. that he has received. The Selectboard will be diligent in seeing that Dan gets all meeting minutes and other updates. Townspeople present at the meeting requested that agendas for meetings be sent out by email in advance. Dan discussed options for doing this including list serves and RSS feeds. A service called "Alert Now" was also proposed. The Board will investigate options with Dan and report back at next meeting.

2) It was noted that we neglected to appoint a Deputy Fire Warden at Town Meeting. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Scott Woodard Deputy Fire Warden, which passed unanimously.

3) Training for Town Constable – John Santamore requested that the town recommend and sponsor him for training through the VT Criminal Justice Training Council. The board agreed to research, including finding out the cost, and continue the discussion at the next meeting

4) CDL Drug Testing – Dick presented information about VLCT's drug testing program and costs. We need to compare this with information from another company that was presented at an earlier meeting and make a decision. Continued to next meeting.

At 8:50 pm it was moved and approved unanimously to move to executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Executive session adjourned at 9:08 pm. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm.