

MINUTES OF THE DUXBURY SELECTBOARD
July 11, 2011

Members present: Dick Charland, Acting Chair; Craig Isvak, Mike Marshall, Ames Robb

Others present: Todd Liberty, Donny Welch, Ken Scott, Lars Dickson, Steve Manosh. John Santamore, Jeff Poitras, David Specht, Matt Luce, Ralph Davis, Jill Smith, Al Quesnel, Shawn Perry, Brenda Hartshorn

Road Report Ralph Davis and Matt Luce attended the meeting to resolve a curb cut permit issue and to discuss the position of a ditch on Matt's property. After some discussion, the board said that they would go out there to look at the situation and makes things right with the curb cut permit.

Steve Manosh reported that he had been with FEMA and John Grenier all day looking at the damage sites from the storms including Camel's Hump Road, Crossett Hill Road, Pollander Road, and Dowsville Road. Those were the major sites, and they will be back in a week or two to view the rest of the damage.

The board then discussed the danger of the Camel's Hump Road in the damaged section and solutions to that. Dick Charland made a motion to post the road to 10,000 lbs., to install jersey barriers along that section, to post "yield" signs to traffic coming down to yield to traffic coming up, and to place a "reduce speed" sign there. Ames Robb seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Zoning Administrator: Al Quesnel met with the board to discuss the issue of the curb cut permits getting lost in process and certificates of occupancy being issued too soon. It was decided that when a curb cut permit comes in the Town Clerk will make a copy of it before giving it to the Road Foreman. This will assure that there is follow up on the curb cut permit. There was some discussion regarding putting the curb cut on the building permit as a checkoff, but they need to check with Brian Fitzgerald to see if that is within the zoning laws.

Town Clerk: Ken Scott reported that the voter checklist needs to be purged on every odd numbered year. Ames Robb made a motion to direct the town clerk to begin the voter challenge process. Dick Charland seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Ken reported that he had received the map for the new legislative district according to VSA 17, Action 1905. The board has to go on record as agreeing or not agreeing with the map by July 31. They will check with JoAnn and then follow up with email in order for Duxbury to meet the deadline.

Budget, Bills, Minutes: Bills were signed. Ken Scott raised the possibility of taking out a loan to get the town through the construction from road damage. No decision was made on this at this time. Ames Robb made a motion to approve the June 13, 2011 minutes. Craig Isvak seconded the motion and all were in favor of it.

Citizens to Address the Board: David Specht spoke to the board concerning an agreement that had been approved in 2005 to put in a curtain drain to drain all storm water properly near his house. It seems that the drain was put in but then later removed resulting in gravel ending up on his property. The board told him that they would look into the situation and follow up.

John Santamore reported that the public cable station will be training him to use their video equipment, and he may be ready to televise the next selectboard meeting.

Brenda Hartshorn attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing problem with her neighbor's septic problem being out of compliance. She has secured legal counsel and had several questions from her attorney for the board to answer. 1) Is there any soil test to prove or disprove ecoli? Answer from David Specht, health administrator, is "No." 2) Who is monitoring the problem and how often and 3) Is there a tank and is it being used? Mike Marshall said that he had gone up there and taken pictures, and the resident said that he had hired an engineer. The report was that there was an existing septic tank. David Specht said that he will go up tonight and check to see if there is effluent coming out. If there is, he will call the state.

Website Management: Mike contacted Dan for an itemized bill but has not heard from him. Also, Dan still needs to add the names of the new selectboard members to the website.

Drug and Alcohol Testing: Mike reported that Duxbury can get into a testing pool for \$120 per employee through VLCT. This would provide a once a year test and requires that a supervisor take designated employer training. Craig Isvak made a motion that the board move forward on the drug and alcohol testing program through VLCT. Mike Marshall seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Duxbury Ethics and Conflict of Interest Policy: Mike sent out a copy of a suggested policy taken from model ordinances. The selectboard can only approve a policy. The suggestion was for the board to institute a policy that would then be voted on as an ordinance at Town Meeting. They decided to defer the decision until JoAnn is here at the next meeting.

As its last order of business, Ames Robb made a motion that the town of Duxbury reimburse Donny Welch for \$3,700 (amount he paid for having his road fixed), from Line Item 119-1, Road Reconstruction. Craig Isvak seconded the motion, and all were in favor of it.

Dick Charland announced that the first meeting of the new Road Committee will be tomorrow night.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Dever