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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
October 3, 2016
Burke Town Clerk's Office 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT, Darryel Corrow, Joe Allard, Sam Sanderson, David Kauffman, Herm Hoyt, Tim Tierney, Hank Butler, Kristen Sultan, Dr. Tom Broderick, Doug Moulton, (NVDA) Ron McKinney.

Darryel opened the Selectmen's meeting with the reading of the September meeting minutes. Darryel made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Joe seconded.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – No Road Foreman Report as Will Ware has resigned. The Board interviewed on applicant and Sam made a motion to hire David Kaufman, Gaskell Hill, West Burke as the new Road Foreman. Darryel seconded. Mr. Kaufman will begin working Thursday, October 13, 2016 as Road Foreman

VISITORS: Ron McKinney came before the Board with a concern about a dog bite issue on the Calendar Brook. Sam told him that he just got a report that the dog in question has been put down. With that said, the case was closed.

Hank Butler, Conservation Commission came before the board to show the board the diagram of where he wants to plant the trees at the Darling Park. The Conservation Commission has been awarded a $1,000 grant. Sam told him that he did not want any trees along the driveway on the playground side. Mr. Butler will move them on the other side of the drive closer to the ball field. Sam told him that Rick Hackett would be available to supply the water for the planting.

Doug Moulton, NVDA came before Board to let the Board know that there is a grant available for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Path on the East Darling Hill Road. The grant is for $300,000 with the Town match at $60,000. The due date to complete the application is October 20, 2016 and requires a Public Informational Hearing. The Board has set Friday, October 7, 2016 at 8 a.m. in the Town Clerk's Office. Doug has agreed to help the Town of Burke with the process and the Board all agreed to have Doug go ahead and do what needs to be done. Tim Tierney said that Kingdom Trails has committed to help financially with the Town's share. There have been other offers from area residents to help with the funding also. Kristen Sultan has offered to search out other sources as well. The Scoping Study had already been done and now there needs to be an Engineering Study. Doug suggested that the Town hire a professional firm to do the Engineering

Study. Doug will go ahead and get the process started with completing and submitting the grant application by October 20th, 2016

Mr. Moulton went on to say that this grant would not include any retreatment or reconstruction of East Darling Hill Road.

CONSTABLE REPORT: – No Constable Report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: No Report as Doug is working out of Town.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board read and reviewed the proposal from New England Municipal Consultants, LTD to contract Assessors duties for the Town in the Lister's office. The proposal for the first two years will be $38,400 each year and the third year will go to $40,800.00. The Board thought this was a fair amount and is below what is normally budgeted for the Lister's Office. Sam made a motion to accept the proposal as submitted. Darryel and Joe agreed. The contract was signed by Darryel as chairman of the board.

The Board discussed what the next step would be as a follow up to violation letters that were sent out by attorney Laura Wilson last month. It appears that nothing has been done at any of those places except the Rumbinas property. In fact, some have gotten worse. Laura Wilson will be asked to start court proceedings on the Ruggles property on Depot Street and the Thomas Williamson property on Route 5.

The Board signed the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for 2016/2017.

Sam told the Board the we have used up the prepay that we sent to Lawrence Riendeau for gravel, but we will still be hauling gravel out of his pit on Route 5 because there is a need to fix up the roads. Mr. Riendeau has reduced his price per ton from $8.00 to $7.50 per ton.

Sam updated the board on the Household Hazardous Waste Day. The State is requiring the Town to have three HHHW Days next year. We coordinated with St. Johnsbury this year. We may join St. J again next year for the spring and fall but we will be required to have one in Burke, which could be in July.

Because we are not making any money on the cost of baling white paper, Sam has suggested that we send the paper to the District in Lyndonville. Joe and Darryel agreed.

The Board also signed two cemetery confirmations.

Tim Tierney stated that Kingdom Trails will be hiring the Sheriffs for traffic control at the Fall Festival next year. This year they had no traffic control and the cars parked all over the place.

Priscilla said that she has been asked to have the Selectboard put in a Porta Potty in the Hillside Cemetery during the Summer months for funerals, etc. The Board agreed that would be okay.

CORRESPONDENCE: Board reviewed the correspondence. A request from the Hand to Hand for a donation was discussed. Sam made a motion to give our normal donation of $600.00. Joe and Darryel agreed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The Board reviewed the payables and signed the warrant as submitted. With no other business to come before the Board, Sam made a motion to adjourn. Joe seconded.

With no other business to come before the Board, Darryel made a motion to adjourn. Joe seconded.,

Next meeting will be November 7th, 2016 at 5 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt, cmc
Town Clerk and Treasurer