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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Doug Gilmer, Joe Allard, Will Ware, Roy Vance, Lt. Henry, Ed Guest, Rob Johnson, Robert Gondar, Airy Quiros, Tim Tiereny

Darryel opened the Selectmen's meeting. The first order of business was to appoint a Selectboard member to fill the seat of Emery Noyes. The applicants were Keith Clark, West Burke, Herman Hoyt, Burke Hollow, Dan Tanner and Joe Allard of West Burke. After reviewing the applicants letters of interest, Sam made a motion to appoint Joe Allard. Darryel seconded. Joe took his oath of office and took his seat at the table. Herman Hoyt also expressed interest of being on the Development Review in his letter of interest. Sam made a motion to appoint Herm to the DRB. Darryel seconded.

The Selectboard read the October meeting minutes. Sam made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Darryel seconded.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Will said that George Frank had done some work on the salt shed by shoring up the side walls. The road crew has been doing some ditching and the fourth man on the crew is working out very well. One of the road crew will be on the rubbish and recycle runs as needed. Ron will be put on "will call basis". They are doing some renovations on the Town Garage and making room to get more equipment undercover.

Dan Macek, St. J Auto came to the board to get the final paperwork signed for the new truck that will be used for hauling the recycle trailer and do snow plowing on small roads and Town Office.

The Board got a quote of \$28,014.00 from Pike to do some paving on Church Street and some on the Burke Hollow Road. They will be doing that in a few weeks.

For the record, Sam said that when they hired Scott Davis on the road crew that they would pay him up to two weeks pay when he is away at Guard Camp. This will not be counted as his vacation.

VISITORS: Roy Vance, Caledonia Court Side Judge came before the Board to present the Budget for next year. He said that it is down a bit. The printout of the budget is on file at the Town Clerk's Office.

Robert Gondor – Came before the Board to express his dissatisfaction with the Wise Worm Compost Farm on Sugarhouse Road, that is a neighbor of his. He says that farm draws bears and undesirable animals and odors. The Town has been asked by the Composter to loan them \$5,000 to help with upgrading of his facility. He wants to put in a cement pad to help with the mixing of the compost materials. Mr. Gondar does not want to see the Town give them money for his project. After much discussion, the board decided to table Wise Worm's request for a loan. It will be discussed further at another meeting. Sam told Mr. Gondar that he would have Doug Gimler, the Zoning Administrator for the Town to check into his status with Town permits and State permits.

Rob Johnson, Airy Quiros, Tim Tierney and Ed Guest came before the board to see what could be done with the speeding issues on the Mountain Road and Alpine Lane. There was suggestions that speed bumps be put in. Sam told them that they are not allowed on Municipal roads but they could put them on the roads that are owned by the Mountain. Sam said that the Town could have the State Police do a speed study. Mr. Quiros stated that it has to something other than signs because people don't pay any attention to them. Lt Henry said that the visible speed monitor seems to work well. Mr. Johnson has offered to help with the expense of the traffic study.

Mr. Quiros told the Board that they would be changing that trail that comes out onto the road where there was a bike accident a few weeks ago.

Ed Guest suggested that the Kingdom Trails group educate the bikers more.

CONSTABLE REPORT – Paul Gallant is out on sick leave. In the future we will be forwarding animal concerns to Candace Dane, the Selectboard or the Vermont State Police.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Doug told the board about a workshop that he had attended concerning renewable energy. He encouraged the Board to have input status on some of the projects that are coming to Town such as the solar panels. He gave the Board some literature that he had picked up at the workshop.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board signed loan papers with Community Bank for the new 1 ton dump truck. They also signed the Errors and Omissions paper from the listers office on the David Gaskell property. They had to correct the acreage on his account.

Burke 2000, LLC has filed a tax appeal to the State of Vermont for Parcel #07070002.001. Because the Listers are out of the office for a few weeks, they have asked the Board if Bill Krajeski, President of New England Municipal Consultants, our outside contracted assessor could represent the Town at the hearing. Neither Sam nor Darryel had a problem with that as Bill was the one that testified at the Board of Civil Authority hearings. He seems to be well versed on the issue.

CORRESPONDENCE: The letter from Burke Mt. Academy, DRB and Wise Worm were discussed through out the meeting.

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. Darryel seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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