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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Will Ware, Paul Gallant, Doug Gimler, Mike Harris, Mike Mathers, Carol Krochak, Al Duey, Wendy and Larry Corrow, Kerry O'Brien, Mike Mathers, Bill Quirk, Mark Maghini, Curtis Cuccia, Frank Cuccia

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

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Will reported the Drowns have put in a valve on their water system to try to correct the problem of water going into their cellar. He will keep an eye on it to be sure that it is working the way it was intended.

Will told the Board that there were accidents on two of our bridges. One on the Brook Road and one on the Bugbee Crossing Road. Both should be covered by the offenders insurance. The bridge on the Brook Road will have extra work done by the Town. The Town has hired Vermont Recreational, Surface and Fencing of Barnet do the repairs.

He said that they have tried some gravel from Sutton Gravel (Reindeau) and it was very good. They will be also be using some of George Wagner's gravel on various roads on the east side of town.

Will confirmed with the Board that they wanted to close the Bugbee Crossing side of Bumps Road for the winter. They said yes. There has been issues with 911 numbers for the residents on that road for deliverys. There has been discussions with 911 to renumber the residents coming in off the Darling Hill road. Most of the residents agree with that change.

VISITORS: **Kerry O'Brien,** NRCA-CD, came to Board to bring them up to date on what she has been working on with the Road Erosion Inventory Project. This project is sponsored by a grant from Better back Road. Her report is on file at the Town Clerks Office. She has also offered to have VTrans do a hydraulic study to help out on some of the culverts that need replacing on Old Farm Road, Carter Road and also some wetland culverts on the Burke Hollow Road and Sugarhouse Road.

Kerry has another grant that would help with the East Burke sidewalk improvement project which they could use for storm water treatment before the water is discharged into the river. It was suggested that it should done while the pipes are dug up in that area while under construction. She will put bids out for that project. She will be back to discuss what will need to be budgeted for that project.

Larry and Wendy Corrow came before the Board to see if the town would agree to extend the guardrail about 75 to 80 feet passed their property. They have had several accidents involving their property when traffic is coming down the Kirby Road and loose control and hit their buildings. After a little discussion the Board agreed to have the Road Crew do that and hope it will help with the out of control vehicles and accidents.

Carol Krochak came before the board again to ask about putting up speed limit signs. Will told her that all the signs are on order and as soon as they come in they will be put up. Sam also told her that the Vermont State Police are doing a speed study on the Brook Road, Bugbee Crossing Road and the Burke Hollow Road by the School. They will be putting up a suggested speed limit sign for 25 miles at the bridges, but that would not be enforceable.

Curtis Cuccia came to see if there were any questions concerning his application for the liquor license that he is getting for the Pub Out Back. He said that he is the new owner of the Pub. The Board had no questions or concerns and signed his liquor license.

Mike Mathers came to the Board to see if they have any questions for him concerning the petition he submitted to them at the October meeting. The Board has received a letter from Mike's lawyer (Thomas Ryan Paul) on proper procedures on accepting petitions. The Board received a petition from Mike at the last Selectboard meeting requesting the bylaws be changed to permit overnight RV parking in the Mixed Use Zoning District. The Board passed it on to the Planning Commission for their review and consideration. Al Duey, Chair of the Planning Commission who was present at this meeting informed Mike that he is first on their agenda at their November 13th meeting.

Mike Harris came before the Board to ask about some concerns that he had on correspondence from Attorney Paul in reference to Mike Mathers and the other was Kirsten Sultan on her concerns for the members of the steering committee for the East Darling Hill Bike project. She thought there was conflict of interest on the committee. Sam said the State made the suggestion of who should be on that committee. No action taken on the letters.

The other concern Mike had was the status of the Fire Station and the Hayden Crossing Bridge. Sam told him that the Fire Station Bridge is being engineered this winter. Should be going out to bid in the Spring. The Hayden Crossing Bridge is low on the priority list.

AL Duey was present to inform the Board that there will be a public hearing on November 18th at 6 p.m. in the Community Building regarding the alternatives presentation for the East Darling Hill Road Scoping Study.

Sam made a motion to appoint Al Duey as representative from the Town of Burke to the NVDA Board of Directors. Darryel Seconded.

CONSTABLE REPORT: Paul told the Board that Halloween was pretty quiet. All went well.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Doug asked if Burke has any ordinance for large festivals. The Board doesn't not have a festival permit. They basically go by the State ordinances.

There has been some concern from current permitted sawmill owners that there were unpermitted properties in town. Doug will check into those concerns.

There has been complaints about the noise on the Mountain from a resident on the Washburn Road. One resident has complained that there is excessive noise coming from the mountain that is overwhelming to them. Sam said that he was told that particular race that the property owner was concerned about will not happen again.

Doug was also concerned about a windmill on private property. Al Duey told him that there are provisions on that in the bylaws.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board signed a cemetery confirmation.
Signed a liquor license for Curtis Cuccia for the Pub Out Back.
Signed Impact Statements for The Brook Road Bridge.

The Board opened the bids for Snow Plowing Bids. One from Dana Utley for and one from Kirby Mountain Landscaping.

Will suggested that the highway crew could try to plow the Town Clerk's Office with the Town trucks. Sam thought that would be a good idea and they could try it to see how it works.

After much discussion. Will asked if the Town should continue to sand the Pilgrim Manor Hill in exchange for sanding of the West Burke Methodist Church and the Post Office Road. The trucks are getting to big and it is time consuming. The Board asked Priscilla to write a letter to Doug Henderson informing him of the new policy.

The Board discussed a letter of interest from Merton Leonard to be on the Board of Listers. The listers office is short of a fulltime working staff as some go to Florida for the winter and one in employed full time at St. J. Academy. The Board felt that that there should be someone available in the Listers office in the absence of other listers. If Merton agrees to run in March and Hazel is available in the spring and summer months then the Listers office will be fully staffed.

There is an issue with 911 numbering on the Bumps Road. It has been brought to the attention of the Board by the new Mapping firm that there is an issue with the numbers. After consulting with 911 it was suggested by the Board that they renumber from the Darling Hill Road as opposed access from the Bugbee Crossing Road which may be closed off permanently in the future. The Board will look into proper procedure to close of the lower end of the Bumps Road from the Bugbee Crossing Road.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board received a letter from Mark Bertolini asking them to sign a letter confirming that the Town of Burke has no intentions of any plans to install drainage ditches, culverts or curtain drains along the division lines with their property lines with Beldon Hill Road. Letter of request is available in Burke Town Office.

The Board read and reviewed a letter from Kingdom Trail which was in response to the letter written to them last month asking Kingdom Trails to give some financial support to the Town for the Bike path project.

The Board received a letter from the State of Vermont for the Green up Day of $100.00 from the Town of Burke. The Board agreed since they do give the Town green-up bags that the Town should contribute. Sam made the motion to send Green up $100.00. Darryel agreed.

Also in the correspondence there was another request from Red Cross for a donation of $500.00 from the Town to help with costs when they serve the Town during disasters. Will stated that they are a great resource and are always there when you need them. Same made a motion to send $500 to the Red Cross. Darryel agreed.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The Board reviewed the accounts payable. One of the invoices that they would like to hold is the invoice for George E. Sansoucy, PE,LLC Engineers and Appraisers because the Portland Pipeline appeal that has gone to the State of Vermont Property Valuation and Sansoucy had several errors in his report and the revisions have not come back to the Town.

With no other business to come before the board. Darryel made a motion to adjourn. Sam seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Town Clerk and Treasurer
Town of Burke