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December 5, 2016**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING
SPECIAL VOTE ON DECEMBER 12, 2016**

Barry Hertz, Town Moderator, opened the Informational Meeting by reading the Article to be voted on Monday, December 12, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

“Shall the voters of Burke authorize the elimination of the office of Town Lister in accordance with 17 V.S.A. §2651c and replace it with a professionally qualified assessor who shall have the same powers, discharge the same duties, proceed in the discharge thereof in the same manner, and be subject to the same liabilities as prescribed for Listers or the board of Listers under the provisions of Title 32?” This will be voted on by Australian Ballot.

Moderator Hertz then turned the meeting over to the Selectboard who explained why this action is being taken. Namely because the Town is required by law to elect three Town Listers. There are now two positions open and there is no one interested in running and filling those spots. There has been a problem in getting a full Board for many many years. Sam explained that the Town will save over \$10,000.00 or more per year by making this change. The Town has contracted with New England Municipal Consultants, LTD (NEMC) for last 10 to 12 years to assist the listers in appraising the Town. They have done the Town wide reappraisal and are very familiar and very knowledgeable about the town. NEMC also helps with site visits, assessments and do everything that a Town Lister is required to do. They are always current with the laws of the State of Vermont.

After taking and answering questions from the floor, Moderator Hertz went on to Article 2. Which reads: To conduct any other non-binding business that may come before the meeting.

Mike Cole came before the board to present the Selectboard with a petition that read:

“We the undersigned residents of the Town of Burke hereby protest the firing of Jon Corey. We feel that Jon did an extraordinary job in the Recycling Center. He kept the area clean and well organized. He helped people bring in their recycling and showed them where to put things Jon was always friendly and informative about how to recycle and encouraged many people to do so. He was hard working, conscientious and an asset to the Town. He DID NOT deserve to be fired 8 weeks before Christmas because of an un-opened garage door. This is not how a valuable employee should be treated!!” This petition was signed by 122 people.

Sam told him that this was a Selectboard matter and they would accept the petition at the regular Selectboard meeting when they convene following this Informational Meeting.

With no other business to come before the meeting, Moderator Hertz asked for a motion to adjourn. Cathy Feeley made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Doug Gimler.

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt, cmc

**SELECTMEN’S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk’s Office
December 5, 2016**

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Joe Allard, Dave Kauffman, Doug Gimler, Keith Clark, Cathi Feeley, Linda Corey, Herm Hoyt, Mike and Dianna Cole, Amy Nixon

Darryel opened the Selectmen’s meeting. Sam told Mike and Diana Cole that they would accept the petition as submitted and would look it over take it under advisement and it will be read into the minutes. The petition reads as follows:

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Darryel continued the meeting with the reading of the November meeting minutes. Joe made a motion to accept the minutes. Sam seconded.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Dave told the Board that they have been very busy with maintenance on the Town trucks which are being repaired in-house by one of the Town road crew members, Shane Heath. The Salt Shed has been repaired, and the sand screen has been completely revamped and made sturdy. Pike has completed the sides of the Burke Mountain Road after the retreatment.

Dave asked if the 1-ton truck could have winter tires put on. The Board told him to look in to it. He also asked if he could purchase a vibrator for the new sander on the 1-ton as the sand is too wet and gets stuck and needs to be loosened up. Dave will get back to the Board on the pricing.

CONSTABLE REPORT – No report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Doug said that he wanted to issue violation tickets on the two properties that are in violation of the Zoning By Laws, the Ruggles property and the Williamson property, but he felt that the violation letters that were sent out by Laura Wilson from Morrisette, Young and Wilson were not detailed enough to do so. After some discussion it was decided that they would ask Jill Mathers to take over those two cases and start from the beginning.

OTHER BUSINESS: Signed off on the NVDA contract to close out the agreement.

CORRESPONDENCE: Reviewed, no action taken.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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