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February 5, 2018  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Christine Emmons, Darryel Corrow, Joe Allard, Dave Kaufman, Tammy Wagner, Linda Lotti, Mike Harris

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

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT** – Dave told the Board that it has been a very tough winter. The sandpile has held up well. Gerard Gingue has talked to him about purchasing gravel and sand from the Doyon Pit. The material that is in the pit is pretty good stuff. He did not know how much Burke would need this year because of the material that they have from the dam. They will look to see what will be needed. Gingue would like a two year commitment and he would stock pile.

The new Culvert Thawer has been working very well so far. It has about twenty five hours on it so far. He is very pleased with the machine.

They have rebuilt the sand screen which is working much better. Having a few minor issues with the trucks. Should be covered with extended warranty.

Dave told the Board that the Town of Newark is interested in the old culvert thawer. It is not worth much money. Dave will see what they will offer and let it go for that.

Issues with getting salt continues. Most of the other towns are having the same issue.

Dave has purchased the new sweeper. It will be in about a month or month and a half.

Dave asked the board if they had a policy for helping out neighboring towns. Newark has asked for help in culvert thawing. The Board did not have a problem with that as long as it doesn't get out of hand. Tammy Wagner cautioned to make sure that our insurance covers what ever we are lending out. Christine said that they should be cautious. But was open to the idea of helping bordering Towns out.

Dave told the Board that some of the welding equipment is trash and would like to have permission to purchase and update equipment for the welder. He thought it would be around \$600.00. Christine told him that there was money in the Highway budget to cover that.

He also told the Board that he has talked to George Wagner, Jr. about the situation on the Calendar Brook Road and they will be getting on that repair as soon as they could in the spring. Christine suggested that Dave talk to Shauna Clifford from the Transportation department in St. J. to see if there is any grants that they could apply for to help with those repairs.

While talking to Shauna, Christine suggested to Dave he ask her about engineering studies for the Burke Hollow Road and maybe a Hydraulic Study for the Pinkham Road.

Chris thanked Dave for his efforts and appreciated all that he has been doing and hoped to continue to have open discussions.

**VISITORS:** Tammy Wagner and Linda Lotti came before to bring them up to date on what is going on with One Burke. Tammy told the Board that they would be applying for a grant for a Feasibility Study for Water and Waste Water. The first step is to send out a request for qualifications which can go out tomorrow. The applications need to be back by February 16<sup>th</sup> to submit their qualifications. The committee would go over them on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the come to the Selectboard on March 5<sup>th</sup> for interviews. The grant is for \$30,000. They have a very tight schedule to apply and to be eligible it needs to be submitted by March 30<sup>th</sup>. This feasibility study will determine where there is a good place to put the project sight. Darryel made a motion to support and move forward with this grant and Joe seconded. All in favor.

Linda Lotti told the Board that there is no commitment to do this project but this study will determine if it is a feasible project..

**Mike Harris, Chairman of the DRB** came before the Board to offer his support for all the applicants for the DRB. He also has an issue with a Zoning violation on Route 5 south of West Burke Village. Mike told the Board the Travis Corey had issued a temporary permit to place the trailer there but it does not meet the set backs and is very dangerous as it sets now. The Board will contact the current ZA to get in contact with the owner and have him get on it and correct the situation.

Mike also questioned the Board why they went with the current ZA choice. Christine told him that they went with the many years of experience as ZA in several other towns. And experience in enforcing violations. Mike said that he told him that he would like to keep everything as consistent as possible.

Christine will get in contact with Brent in reference to the violation on Route 5.

**CONSTABLE REPORT** – No Report

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Brent Shafer submitted a written report to the Selectboard because he had the flu and could not attend the meeting. Priscilla told the board that Brent still has not submitted two forms of ID as required by law for employment. So his pay is being held up until he can furnish the Federal required documents.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Board appointed the following to various Boards:

- \*\* Abbie Montgomery as Health office. Joe made the motion, Christine seconded. All in favor
- \*\* Eleanor Kenworthy to the Development Review Board, Darryel made the motion, Christine seconded. All in favor
- \*\* Scott Chappell to the Development Review Board. Christine made the motion, Joe seconded. All in favor.
- \*\* John Kascenska representative for the Town of Burke to the Lyndon Rescue Board of Directors. Christine made a motion, Darryel seconded. All in Favor.

The Board also signed overweight permits and liquors licenses.

The Board set the next Selectboard and Public Hearing on the updated Zoning and Subdivision By Laws meeting for March 5, 2018 at 5 P.M.

The Board reviewed an email for Anthony Moccia who requests permission to conduct another Rasputitsa Gravel Road Race on Burke Town Gravel Roads on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018. It was noted that they furnish their own traffic control and have drawn over 1,000 bikers each year. The Board does not have a problem with that and have approved the event. Priscilla will respond to that email.

Christine presented the board with updated plans for the East Burke Water Project. No one on the Board had any comments on the updated plans at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board reviewed the Special Weight Limits form from the State of Vermont. There are no changes.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** The Board reviewed the payables and signed the warrant as submitted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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