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

**PRESENT:** Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Joe Allard, Will Ware, Scott Davis Doug Gilmer, Keith Clark, Rick and Marcia Hackett, Candace Dane, Thomas and Susan Malick, Robert Gondar, John Rice, BMA, David Johnson, BMA, Amy Nixon , Caledonian-Record

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

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT** – Will told the Board that they have had the grader out working the road. They have been touching up rough spots on Gaskell Hill, Bugbee Crossing, Brook Road, Sugarhouse Road, Burke Green Road, and East Darling Hill Road so far. With the weather as it has been it is difficult to get out and do anything. Will said that they will be doing some roadside brush cutting. The Board had spoken about getting internet or DSL at the Town Garage. Priscilla will be checking that out for them and getting a laptop for them so they can do some internet searching and ordering for parts for the equipment as needed.

**VISITORS:** Robert and Susan Malick, (Dog Owners) Candace Dane (Burke Animal Control Office) John Rice and David Johnson, (BMA) were at the meeting to resolve an issue with the Malick's dog who has been a menace to BMA students and teachers for a couple of years now. Darryel read into record letters received from BMA, Laura Wilson, The Town's Lawyer and the Parent of the BMA student that was the last recently attacked student. Susan Malick pleaded for one more chance as she says her dog is a very sweet dog and loves to play aggressively. Candace Dane, the Towns Animal Control Officer gave a very stern lecture to the Malick's. She stressed that she did not want to see the dog put down and felt that it was not the fault of the dog, but that of the owners. After a lengthy discussion and opinions and observations from various members of the audience, Sam said that it is his feeling that there has been too many incidents with this dog and doesn't want to see the dog put down and wanted Candace to see if she could find another home. Candace said that she had to disclose every thing she knows about the dog and did not feel there was any shelter that would take it. Sam does not want the Town to take the responsibility to say the dog can stay. Darryel and Joe agreed. Sam told Candace to pick up the dog in the morning and try to find a home for it in which she said was impossible.

**Rick and Marcia Hackett, Cemetery Sextons** came for to say that they will be working hourly this year in the cemeteries as in the past. There had been some discussion about them doing the work under contract. They are still checking into that. Rick gave the board a quote for trade-ins on the old mowers for new ones. Sam said they would look them over and discuss it at a later date.

**CONSTABLE REPORT** – Will Ware, acting Constable said there had been no calls. Priscilla told him that Dolly Johnson on Newark Street had come in and complained about one of the snow plows had knocked down their mail box. Will said that he would tell Jim as that is his route. If they are in the town's right of way then there is no compensation. But the crew tries to be careful.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Doug Gimler told the Board that Terry LaPointe has been asked to submit a Town permit for his compost business called WiseWorm. Originally Mr. LaPointe was advised by a previous Zoning Administrator that he would not be required to get a Town permit, over the years and concerns of neighbors, the rules have changed. So now the Town has requested a permit for running a business. Robert Gondar, a neighbor of the LaPointe's has filed his fourth complaint about odor. The State will be investigating. Mr. Gondar is waiting the results of that investigating. Doug said there is a section in our By-Laws that speaks about odor.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sam talked about the speed study done by the State Police for the School Zone at Burke Mountain Academy. He said we have not gotten the written study yet but had discussed it with the State Police and suggested to Will that he meet with Rob Johnson at BMA to do some measurements and decide where to place speed zone signs. The Board will then write up an ordinance and adopt the Ordinance at a warned meeting. The Academy has agreed to help with the expenses. Sam if they want to install flashing lights, then the Academy will pay for that expense.

The Board read and accepted letters of Interest from Rick Prescott and Sean Montague for the Planning Commission Board. Sam made a motion to appoint both to the Planning Commission. Darryel seconded. Joe agreed. Keith Clark who is a member of the Planning Commission said that these appointments would bring them to a five member board and they were thinking of requesting to the Selectboard to go back from a 7 member board to a 5 member board. They usually have an issue getting a quorum.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board reviewed a permit for a Mini Brewery and Tasting Room at the Weed Property on US Route 5. This is just an FYI as the Town does not have input status in these kind of Permits.

The Board signed the Generator Maintenance Agreement with Yankee Generator, Inc of Lunenburg to service our Generic Generator. They also signed liquor licenses and overweight permits.

**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