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March 4, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Joe Allard, Christine Emmons, Darryel Corrow (Selectboard), Dave Kaufman, (Road Foreman), Cathi Feeley, Visitor

Joe opened the Selectboard meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the reading of the February 4<sup>th</sup> Selectboard meeting minutes. Christine made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

**VISITORS:** Cathi Feeley came before the Board to request that the Town make a donation from the Darling Trust Fund to the Arnold and Tracy SurrIDGE. Mr. SurrIDGE has been out of work since November due to a back injury that required surgery. He will be unable to work before May. Cathi is requesting a donation from the Town for \$2,000.00. The Board acknowledged that the SurrIDGE family has helped to raise funds for others in the community when they had family crises and now they could use some help. The Board agreed to donate \$3,000.00 to the SurrIDGE's as they have done in the past with other needy families.

**ROAD FOREMAN REPORT:** Dave came before the Board to give them his update on what has been happening in his Department over the last month. Dave told the Board that he has ordered the new truck to replace Dale's old truck. This truck is fully equipped with all the parts needed, plow, wing, etc. It has an extended warranty included. The total cost of the truck is \$203,423.00 with a trade in of \$47,000 for the old truck which nets out to be \$156,423.00 for the new truck. The Board signed the purchase and sales agreement with Western Star for the new truck. They will not take possession of the truck until June.

Dave told the Board that the tank that holds the liquid salt exploded and all the liquid went on the ground. Innovative, Inc. is investigating the incident and will be paying all costs for replacement.

There was some discussion about roadside mowing. The Board thought that the road crew could do some and someone else could be hired out so that it would not take up so much of the road crews time. Dave told the Board that he would rather do it all themselves so that they can get what they want done. He also told the Board that the rental on tractor this year has unlimited hours, so they could do all they need to do including grass cutting which came up a little short last year. The board agreed to let Dave go with the rental program as long as he makes sure that he does the grass.

Dave told the Board that he met with Jim Carrien, Loss Control of Vermont Cities and Towns (our insurance carrier) when he came around to do a hazard identification survey and they began to discuss a new garage. Jim Carrien offered his help in planning and designing a new garage. He also gave Dave a

list of new garages around the State that they should go visit. Joe and Dave will be looking at other Towns who have build new garages around the State.

Christine wanted to tell the Board that Chip Sanville, Prudential, (our new retirement program rep) stopped her one day and wanted to commend her and the Town of Burke for the nice group of Employees they have. They are all professional and respectful and the Town is very lucky they have such a great group of Employees. He travels all over the State of Vermont and they are one of the best.

Joe said that he has traveled all over many other roads in the State and Burke has some of the better roads. The Board said they appreciate what they have got.

**ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT:** Mike submitted a written report for the Board to review as he was unable to come to the meeting tonight.

**OTHER BUSINESS –** The Board discussed further to contract with the Caledonia County Sherriff. It was suggested that they enter into a full service contract with them so if they are in Town they could respond to any crisis that may arise. Christine suggested that they keep the Vermont State Police contract as is and get a supplemental Contract with the Sherriff’s Department. Joe made a motion to enter into a full service contract with the Caledonia County Sheriff’s Department not to exceed \$10,000.00. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

- \*\* The Board signed the Liquor Licenses as submitted.
- \*\* The Board Signed Overweight Permits
- \*\* The Board signed the Compost Contract with Cloud’s Path Farm

Darryel brought up the subject of the Painted Curtain at the Burke Town School. He wanted to be sure, with the school merger and Kingdom East taking possession of all the schools and properties, that it was clear that the Curtain was property of the Town and the not the School. The Board will send a letter to Kingdom East informing them of that.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board read a letter which provided a summary of the VLCT Hazard Identification Survey visit on February 26th. There were only a few violations that Jim Carrien found at the Town Garage. One very important point that Mr. Carrien wanted to bring to the attention of the Board was as follow: “while onsite we also discussed the current practice of Town employees maintaining Burke School’s driveway and parking lots. While this practice may save the school some money, it substantially increases the Town’s liability exposure. For instance, the Town can be liable for injuries to pedestrians that slip and fall or are struck by the dump truck, and damage to other vehicles and property. I encourage the Town to discontinue this practice, especially now that the school is governed by a broader school district.”

**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. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

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