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May 6, 2019 – 5:00 p.m.
SELECTBOARD MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Joe Allard, Christine Emmons, Ford Hubbard (Selectboard), Dave Kaufman, (Road Foreman), Rick Hackett, Carol Krochak, John Kresser One Burke, Gerard Gingue, Eric Bollman, (Burke Baseball) Sharon Eustace, Judy Brown (Crossroads Food Truck)

Christine opened the Selectboard meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the reading of the April 1, 2019 Selectboard meeting minutes. Christine made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Joe seconded. All in favor.

VISITORS: Rick Hackett told the Board that the fences at all the cemeteries have been replaced and look very good. He would also like the Board to consider replacing the rot iron fence at Woodmont Cemetery with a chain link fence. Christine was not in favor of a chain link fence, but told Rick to get some samples and estimates of the cost. Rick would also like permission to have a tree service remove some of the bad trees in Meeting House, Howland and Hillside Cemeteries. The Board did not have a problems with that project. Rick asked the Board if they would consider trading in the Zero Turn lawn mower next year because it is getting along in age and hours. They will consider putting it in the budget for next year.

Hank Butler, Conservation Commission – not present

John Kresser, One Burke – came before the Board to bring them up to date on what One Burke has been doing. Their current project is to send a survey out to the taxpayers to get their thoughts on the what they want to see with the Waste Water project. John said that the survey will be completely confidential. They also would like to send a forwarding letter with the survey that has the Town's logo on it. The Town does not have an official logo. Joe stressed that he did not want the taxpayers to think that this is a done deal and that the Selectboard endorse it. John said that after the surveys were collected the committee would like to have a cook out to bring some of the residents together so that they could ask questions, etc. The tentative date is June 9th at noon.

The Transportation Committee has been working on placing a crosswalk on VT Route 114 in East Burke Village as well as the Flashing Speed Signs. NVDA is helping with that project. Mr. Morton has done the traffic study and he will be getting information to Chris so that she can be completing the permit.

The One Burke Education Committee has not had much going on since the merger of the schools. There will be a Bond Vote coming up in June for all the schools in the district, Burke, Lyndon, Concord, Newark, Sutton, Wheelock, Sheffield and Lunenburg that will be needing major repairs.

Carol Krochak - came before the Board to let them know that she will be helping the eighth graders with the Community Garden at the Town Office this year. They have been awarded a grant so they will be purchasing equipment and she asked if they could store the equipment in the storage trailer next to the garden. They would also like also put in raised beds. The Board did not have a problem with that and felt that the garden was a big success last year.

Eric Bollman, Burke Softball League – Came before the Board to bring them up to date on what the league has been doing to the baseball field at the Darling Park. They have been upgrading the field and are making plans to do other improvements like building bleachers and dugouts. They are asking for the Boards support in doing those projects. Christine made a motion to support the Ball teams for their future projects. Eric left the Board with a schedule for all the games for the summer.

Gerard Gingue came before to discuss crushing gravel from Santo property on Route 114. Santo Builders are donating the gravel to the Town at no charge. There should be between 5,000 to 12,000 tons of gravel. He can only give the gravel to the Town. The only cost for the Town would be the gravel crushing and trucking. Mr. Gingue said that he would crush the gravel to Dave's specs for \$7.65. The gravel must be removed by July of 2020. Mr. Gingue left the Board with a proposal for them to sign. The Board would like to see the cost of the crushing much lower. The Board tabled the agreement for crushing until they could discuss it further.

Judy Brown and Sharon Eustace – came before the Board to get a vendor permit to be able to have their food truck parked at Mike's Tiki Bar for the summer. They will be replacing Robert Adams truck as he chose not to renew this year. The Board signed the Vendor permit for the food truck.

George Frank – came before the Board to bring them up to date on what he has done so far on the Recycle Building. He told the Board that the Burke Hollow Church needs some work. The flashing around the Steeple needs repairs and the building needs painting again. The Board told him to go ahead and get it done.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT: Dave told the Board that several culverts are failing all over town. He told the Board that the East Burke Drainage situation needs to be dug up by an outside contractor as it is more than the Road crew can handle. He will check around to see who he can get.

Dave told the Board that the new owner of the Burklyn Mansion want to eliminate a culvert and do some repairs and revisions on the direction of the storm water runoff at his own expense. He will be putting in a hedge wall to help redirect the water.

The Walker Road is in desperate need of repair. If the Town was to put gravel on that road they would have to charge the residents because it is not a Town Road. The East Burke Fire District and the new water system construction has done a job on destroying Kirby Road and Walker Road. Dave will call and talk to Dan Davis to see when and what their intentions are on completing the project.

Dave told the Board that he would like to purchase a Hydro-Seeder. He will get some prices for the Board. No decisions were made at this time.

The Building Committee for the new Town Garage will be meeting soon. Dave has visited a couple garages around the State and has been getting some ideas.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Mike Harris, ZA came before the Board to give his monthly report. He stated that Tom Williamson has been served papers to clean up his property of unlicensed vehicles. Mr. Williamson has begun to do that. The case of Kevin Lajoie is still pending. The Town needs to establish where the Old Country Road (Class 4) actually is so that Mike can verify setbacks. Dave will go take a look at it to see if he can determine exactly where the road should be laid out. Mike also told Kevin that he is still needs a survey of the property. Dave told the Board that the entrance to that road needs a culvert.

David Ruggles is trying to deal with his insurance company before he can start cleaning up his demolished building on his property.

A resident (Tiaan Van Der Linde) who lives on the Brook Road was given a permit in error from the former Zoning Administrator for a project he wants to do on two of his recently purchased property. Come to find out he is in the flood Zone and the State Floodplain Manager has gotten involved and it has become quite an issue of Mr. Linde. He will have to resubmit a revised permit to the DRB. Mike asked if the Board would approve waving the \$100 fee because he has already paid a substantial amount with the original permit. The Board does not have a problem with that.

Mike also told the Board that he has contacted the State Fire Marshall to inspect the Rick Schwag property on Route 5A. The report came back that Mr. Schwag was renting the third floor which he is not allowed to do because of no fire exit. Mike is still waiting for a report on the water and sewer issue on that property..

Mike will be sending out letters to AirB & Bs that he knows about asking them to contact the Town and apply a business use of the property.

The State of Vermont is dealing with the Ray McCoy property to get it cleaned up or put up a fence. Mike has not heard how that is going.

Andy Bean is trying to comply with his issues at his repair garage on Route 5. He has to many vehicles parked in front the garage.

Mike told the Board that the conference call concerning an appeal to the Environmental Court from William & Mary Patsos, Richard & Veronica Woodworth and Tabitha Bowling against Midway Charters Ventures (Jim Crone, Burklyn Manson) appealing the decision of the DRB did not accomplish anything because no one could come to a compromise so a Stipulation and Scheduling order has been issued and it will be up to the courts to make a decision. This may take some time to settle.

OTHER BUSINESS – The Board signed Liquor Licenses; signed Overweight Permits; Opened Lawn Mowing Bids, which was awarded to Honeymoon Mowing, Garrett and Jake Paquette, for mowing the Darling Park for \$145 and the Burke Town Clerk's Office for \$60.00 for each mowing. Other bids were from The Eliminator for \$175.00 for the East Burke Park and \$60.00 for the Town Clerk's Office, Zaun Enterprises for a Total of \$170 for each mowing for both parcels and TNT Lawn and Garden, LLC for \$120 for the Park and \$50.00 for Town Clerk's Office. Jake has done the mowing in the past and the Board felt that he did a good job plus the other deciding factor is that he is a Burke resident.

The Board Signed the East Burke Sidewalk paperwork authorizing payment; reviewed and signed the Caledonia Sheriff's revised patrol Contract. The Board signed the contract with a maximum of \$10,000 per year and/or 10 hours per week; signed the Annual Financial Plan with State of Vermont; the Board appointed Melynda Miller as Town of Burke representative on the Lyndon Rescue Board of Directors; reviewed paving quote for Newark Street which was tabled.

CORRESPONDENCE: – The Board read a letter from Mark Bertolini informing the Board that Wallace and Marjorie Deth have made a donation to Town and the Burke Hollow Meeting House from The Wallace and Marjorie Deth Revocable Trust. The amount is not yet determined. They will be informed when the Estate is finalized.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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