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May 7, 2018 – 5 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Joe Allard, Christine Emmons, Darryel Corrow, Desirae Hertz, Linda Lotti, Tammy Wagner, Tom Manges, James and Karen Brittell, Rick Hackett, Brent Schafer, Doug Morton, Sam Buckley, Lynette Claudon, Mary Clark and Faith Ingulsrud, Elise Lawson

Joe opened the meeting at 5 p.m. with the reading of the April meeting minutes. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Darryel seconded.

VISTORS: Lynette Claudon and Mary Clark of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation and Faith Ingulsrud from the Vermont Department of Housing and Community Development came before the Selectboard to present information about a Pilot program for Wastewater Solutions for Villages. They are seeking grant from the Northern Borders Regional Commission and have selected Burke to assist in finding waste water solutions in both East and West Burke Villages. They were asking for approval from the Selectboard to move forward, naming Burke in the grant application process. There is a fine window of opportunity to make that decision. This work will be in conjunction with the West Burke Water and Wastewater Feasibility Study already initiated. The Board was told that there will be no cost to the Town. After a lengthy discussion the Selectboard agreed to support the project. The Board will be kept up to date on the progress. There is material in the office about the project if anyone would like to come in and review it. They could also contact anyone on the One Burke Village Infrastructure Revitalization Committee for additional information.

Doug Morton, NVDA and Sam Buckley, State Infrastructure Bank, (SIB), came before the Board to inform them about loans that are available thru the SIB for the East Darling Hill project in particular and potentially other projects. The interest rate is at 1% for a 30 year loan. They told the Board that this is an underutilized financing tool in Vermont so there is a good chance the loan would be granted. After a brief discussion, Mr. Buckley left information for the Board to review at a later date as needed. NVDA will be assisting the Town with a grant application to fund a portion of the project. NVDA thinks the SIB is a good opportunity for a low interest loan on the remaining costs. No action was taken.

Elise Lawson, Burke Conservation Commission, came before the Board to discuss the possibly getting a GIS mapping program for the Town. She said that there are free programs and grants out there that would help buy a computer or whatever other equipment that may be needed. She told the Board that the Conservations Commission has had discussions about GIS mapping at several of their meetings and they feel that it could help with future development and conservations. After a brief presentation the Board told Elise to go ahead and do the research and see what she could come up with and they would support the project.

Rick Hackett, Cemetery Sexton, came before the Board to discuss lot purchases. He feels that people are purchasing too many full lots that are not being used and they are wasting space that other people could be purchasing. He feels that the cemeteries will be running out of space. Rick would like to limit the amount of lots a person could purchase to three. He would like to add a three quarter lot at a cost of \$300.00 for Residents. Anything above that will be charged at the non-resident rate. The Board agreed to those changes. The Cemetery Lot Confirmation form will be updated to reflect those changes.

Rick also told the Board that there is a need for a third person in the Cemeteries as there is so much clean up and mowing along with the burials. He asked permission to hire his son Ricky Jr. The Board agreed and set a rate of pay at \$11.00 per hour.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Dave told the Board that 95% of the roads had been swept and they have reclaimed about 150 yards of sand. They have patched black top as needed. Trucks are all in good shape. He has been discussing options for sand with Gerard Gingue. He also has been working with Kristin from the Transportation department. The road crew will be attending the Equipment Show and Competition in Barre on Wednesday May 9th.

CONSTABLE REPORT – No Report

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Brent Shafer told the Board that he has been taking phone calls and keeping regular office hours. He has contacted Rick Schwag the owner of 45 Route 5A where there was complaints of noise and illegal activities going on. There has been no one there since. He also requested permission to purchase softwood stakes and sheet protectors for the "P" signs. The Board did not have an issue with that.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board: Signed Overweight Permits
 Signed Road Access Permits
 Signed Town Highway Class 2 Roadway Program FY19 – P01821 Grant
 for the Burke Hollow Road in the amount of \$122,720.00
 Signed a Service Agreement with Better Back Roads Grant for Road Inventory
 Signed Annual Financial Plan – State of Vermont Transportation

Opened Lawn Mowing Bids for 2018

Bid Amount

Eliminator	250.00 per cut
Lyndon Lawn Care	225.00 per cut
Moonlight Mowing	185.00 per cut
TBC Customs	290.00 per cut
Benoit	\$3,600.00 for the season
Green Mt Men	3,829.00 for the season

The bid was awarded to Moonlight Mowing for \$185.00 per cut. Darryel will contact Garrett Paquette to go over the areas to be mowed.

A petition to open the **Hayden Crossing Bridge** was presented to the Selectboard with approximately 150 signatures on it. The Board felt that since there was such a response that they should discuss it and move forward with it. After a lengthy discussion, weighing all the options, the Board decided to go with the proposal which was not discussed in the public meeting but is similar to Option 4 (Alternative 3 in the public presentation). The Bridge would be a full bridge replacement with a new deck and substructure built in the same location. It will be a one lane structure and provide a large shoulder with barrier separating traffic from pedestrians and bikers. These barriers are removable for winter plowing. The cost is approximately \$1,158,800 with a Town share of \$57,940 (5%). The planned development duration would be two years with a construction period of 6 months. The new bridge would have a life span of 75 years. Christine made a motion to go with this plan. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed the correspondence. 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, Joe made a motion to adjourn. Darryel seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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