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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Emery Noyes, Will Ware, Paul Gallant, Doug Gimler, Al Duey, Michele and Frank Green, Mark Kilburn, Barry and Mary Ann Hertz, Desire Hertz and Chris Manges, Susan Norwood, Keith Clark, Peter Tomczyk, Dan Flanagan, Siobhan Shufelt

Darryel opened the Selectmen's meeting with the reading of the May meeting minutes. Emery made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Sam seconded.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Emery told Will that Sugarhouse Road needs to have some work done to it and Will said that they would be changing some culverts on that road soon also. Will also told the Board that Walt Zoborsky will be doing roadside mowing sometime in August. Will has clarified with Mr. Zoborsky the work that needs to be done this year.

VISITORS: **Sam Carlson**, Director of Project Development for the GreenLantern who specializes in Solar Panel installations. His company is planning to put a group of panels in the Weed gravel Pit on Route 5. He came before the Board just to keep them up to date on the projects that are being planned in Town. Gail Weed has signed a 20 year contract with his company. The panels will be invisible from view from the road or any adjoining property owner. He said that there were three areas in town that the company is considering. The Town has an automatic party status. The Town and adjoining property owners will get a 45 day notice of the project and that the permit process has begun. The Town will receive revenue from these solar panels. That will be figured on an income basis. They will be selling the power to Lyndonville Electric. This project has 12,350 panels and each panel is about 2' x 4' ground mounted.

Susan Norwood came before the Board to ask how the Rubbish Program is going to work come July one. Sam told her that at Town Meeting the Selectboard heard that the taxpayers did not want anymore taxes put on them. So after much discussion they felt that the cheapest way to comply with the Act 148 that takes place on July 1st is to do away with curbside rubbish pickup and park the rubbish truck at the recycle center and let the residents bring their rubbish on the same days as they bring their recycles. He also told the attendees that he has done a bit of research on the cost of hiring outside contractors. Casella would charge \$22.00 per household. We have about 700 or more which comes to approximately \$184,000. Casella also wants the Town to purchase recycle containers for each resident which is another \$45,500. If we contracted Casella, they would be doing single stream and we would have no need to keep our recycle center and we would not be getting any revenue from the recycling.

After much discussion, Michele Green suggested that they get up a petition and let the residents decide. Sam told her that they have every right to do that. So the group will get up a petition to ask the Town to continue with curbside rubbish pickup. When that petition comes in, the Selectboard will meet to act on it and set a date for an informational meeting and a date for the vote. In the meantime we will be picking up rubbish as usual.

Mark Kilbourn – came before the board again to ask them to check the new guardrail that they put up on the Brook Road that interferes with the entrance to his woodlot. Sam told him he and Will will go take a look at it.

CONSTABLE REPORT – Paul said that he has not been very busy. Things are going well. The Detours off 114 are doing well. He had nothing else to report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Doug asked if the Town has any zoning laws on putting in a pond. There is no Town Zoning on ponds but there would be State rules and regs that one would have to go through.

OTHER BUSINESS: Jon Corey, Recycling Attendant, asked if he could purchase a tool for punching aerosol cans. These cans cannot be baled so they will have to be punched to release the pressure in the cans and stored until haz mat day. The Board did not have a problem with that so the office will place the order. Jon would also like to purchase a container for glass that can be lifted with the fork lift and automatically dumped into the glass dumpster because the barrels are too heavy to lift by hand.

Sam mentioned that they had discussed several times in the past about selling the land on the Mountain Road that the Town owns. He would like to start the process now. They have to notify the public that they want to sell it. If there is no objections then they would put a sale price and advertise it. The Town owns 11 acres.

The Board signed overweight permits, a liquor license for QBurke and signed the reduced speed ordinance for the School Zone on the Burke Hollow Road.

Sam told the Board that Will has told him that the State is requiring the Towns to have more written ordinances and policies in place for chloride, process for attaching plows, etc.

Sam got a call from the son of Earl Morse who bought a full lot many years ago in Woodmont Cemetery and will not be using them. They would like to sell the lots back to the Town. After some discussion, Sam said that he would offer him \$150.00 for two grave lots.

Sam said that Katheryn Dillenback from Pipeline has contacted him to schedule a meeting with him to discuss their assessment on the pipeline. Emery made a motion to delegate Sam to meet with her to see what they have in mind.

CORRESPONDENCE: They reviewed the letters from George Wagner and Diane Haser who have objections to the campground that Mike Mathers wants to put in on his property. These letters were returned from the Development Review Board because they had not received any permits from Mike Mathers. The Board will forward them on now as Mr. Mathers has submitted his permit.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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