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June 6, 2016
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Joe Allard, Will Ware, Herman Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. John Haser, East Burke Country Store. Amy Nixon (Caledonian-Record). Emery Noyes

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

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Will reported that they were getting up winter sand on rainy days to keep the dust down. They are hauling from Simpson Dirtworx Pit on Webster's Flat. They have also been working on Burke/Sutton Hill ditching and getting it ready for paving.

Will presented a resignation letter from Scott Davis stating that he will no longer be working for the Town of Burke as of June 17, 2016. The Board discussed putting an ad in the paper for a replacement road crew member.

The Board discussed the possibility of closing a portion of the Bumps Road. The section that connects with the Bugbee Crossing Road is very dangerous. It was suggested by the State that it be closed. Sam suggested that it be reclassified as a trail. Sam made a motion to start the proceedings to close or reclassify and grass over that section of the Bumps Road.

Will and Rob Johnson are still working on the signage and speed ordinance for the Mountain Road in the Burke Mt. Academy school area. Will also mentioned that he has had several emails and phone calls from Karyl Ryczek, Toll Road, with concerns with the speeding and traffic. Sam stressed once again that the Toll Road is not a Town road and the Town of Burke will not be putting up any signs on that road as it is a State owned road.

The Board opened the two paving bids for Burke Hill Road. Blaktop submitted a bid for \$174,372. Pike Industries submitted a bid of \$167,430. The paving project was awarded to Pike.

VISITORS: **John and Diane Haser** came before the Board to say contrary to rumors, They were very much in favor of a crosswalk being installed in front of their store. The only issue that they had was were the State wanted to put it. They thought it would be better served closer to the Kingdom Trails store where the bikers cross. She said that she thought the State was in agreement with her suggestion but nothing had been done yet. Sam also told her that the project was a State project and is not a Town project so they do not have any control

on what is happening with it now. Darryel told her that he was under the impression that the State had abandoned the idea of putting in a crosswalk at all.

Mark Brown, Burke Town School – Mark came before the Board to ask for a letter of support for a grant that he is applying for. They will be clear cutting a large area of diseased Pine trees and make the area into a new athletic field.

The project consist of building a new community athletic field that would be used for sports that will bring the school and outside communities closer together. It will also include a new mountain bike program with a bike track around the new field, bike paths through the woods that will allow students, parents and others on bikes to access during after school activities. It also involves an after school bike program that includes the building of a small bike barn and purchasing a special bicycle hauling trailer to move the bikes up and back from kingdom trails and Burke Mountain. They presently have a program where the PTO helps raise money so students can ski, skate and snowshoe at different locations that include 6 weeks of instruction. They also want to start a bike program mirrored to this program that includes purchasing bikes and donating them to students that would not have the means of owning one.

Marc also told the Board that he is now a Certified instructor for recycling and he has qualified some of the teachers and they now have educational classes at school which fulfills our Solid Waste Plan. He told the Board that the School has been recognized as one of the top programs out of the whole New England States.

Tom Taylor: Not present.

CONSTABLE REPORT: – Will Ware had nothing to report.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: No report

OTHER BUSINESS: Emery Noyes was invited to the meeting so that the Board could present him with a plaque and a gift card to Cabela’s for his 31 years of service. Sam did the presenting and Amy took a picture.

The Board signed an overweight permit and a road access permit along with the payroll warrants.

The Board also signed paperwork to update current information with Wells Fargo for Woodmont Cemetery.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed a letter from CNSU to ask the Board in a event that the Newark Elementary School should need to evacuate its people during the school day, may their bus service bring them to the Burke Meal Site? The Board did not have a problem with that but is noted that the Burke Town School has precedence. Priscilla will write a reply informing them of that .

The Board also received a letter from the Burke Listers informing the Board regarding the home owners/residents of Burke who do not file a Homestead Declaration. This results in an incorrect Grand List and incorrect tax billing. They attached the laws per State Statues. The Listers will be sending letters out to the residents who have not filed their Homestead Declarations as of April 1st. No action taken by the Board.

A resignation letter was received from Mark Maghini who is resigning from the Conservation commission as he will be leaving Town.

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