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PUBLIC HEARING
RECLASSIFICATION OF BUMPS ROAD
Burke Town Clerk's Office
August 1, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT, Darryel Corrow, Sam Sanderson, Joe Allard, Will Ware, Sally Duda, Tim Tierney Tom Broderick, Dan Davis, Patricia Vanderhoop, Amy Nixon (Caledonian-Record)

Darryel opened the meeting for the special Public hearing for the reclassifications of 365 feet on the Bumps Road from a class 3 to a trail. Sam said that they had their site visit at Bumps Road with a few public present at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2016. No one had any objections to the reclassification at that sight.

Sam asked if there are any questions or objections to come before the board concerning the reclassification of the 365' on Bumps Road to a trail. This would be at the junction of Bugbee Crossing and Bumps Road end.

With no discussion or objections, motion was made by Sam to reclassify a portion of Bumps (365') from a class 3 to a trail. Seconded by Darryel. If there are no appeals within 30 days, the road will be closed and signs will be places.

With no other business to come before the board, Sam made a motion to close the public hearing. Darryel seconded.

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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT, Darryel Corrow, Sam Sanderson, Joe Allard, Will Ware, Sally Duda, Tim Tierney Tom Broderick, Dan Davis, Patricia Vanderhoop, Rick Hackett, Amy Nixon (Caledonian-Record).

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

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Will reported that the State is still working to create the School Zone on the Mountain Road for Burke Mountain Academy. He heard back from the State and told him what they are making for plans. There will be signage on the Toll Road as well as on the Mountain Road.

They are still waiting for Calkins to get some stay mat so they can put it down on the Pinkham Road. They hope to be back in business next week. They are about ¾ of the way done with the grant that they have been working on.

Will said that he had a chance to buy a Laser level for $400.00, which would be very helpful when they are putting in culverts and other projects. They normally cost over $1,000.00. The Board did not have a problem with him buying it.

Burke Hill paving should be paved in the month of August. Will is trying to get in touch with Pike to see what the schedule will be. Apparently Pike is having some equipment issues.

It was mentioned that the person that is doing the mowing at the Town Office property is getting too close to the new maple trees and they were going to die. It was suggested they put mulch around the base of the trees. Will will ask Tim to do that.

VISITORS: Rick Hackett, Cemetery Sexton, came before the board to see what the board would like to do about the exit road at the Hillside Cemetery. It gets washed out every time there is a big rain storm. Sam suggested that they close it with a gate and build a turnaround around the storage building so they can head back down the entrance drive. Ricky will work on that and see how that will work.

Tom Broderick, Tim Tierney and Dan Davis came before the Board with a proposal to create a temporary bike path up East Darling Hill. Dr. Broderick said that he was willing to put up some of his own money and Kingdom Trails is now will to help out with some money. Dr. Broderick is very concerned about the safety of the bikers who use that stretch of East Darling Hill. Sam told them that it was not that easy. It has to be engineered, it has to conform to specs and it is a lot more than putting down stay mat. It has to be done to highway spec. It has to have a proper base. After a lengthy discussion Sam told them that he would forward the proposal to Shauna at the Vermont Department of Transportation and see what her view is on this project. Sam stressed that it is not likely the State would approve private citizens to do a project of this sort. They would also need landowner permission to use some of their land to create this bike path. Sam asked that they help raise some of this money to help with the upgrade when it gets done. The State will not allow the town to use any of the highway money for anything other than town highways.

Patricia Vanderhoop from Sugarhouse Road extension came to the Board to see if they could reduce the speed on Sugarhouse Road from 35 to 25. Sam told her that there would have to be a traffic study done. He will call the State Police and see if they would have time to do that at

some point. He told her that it is doubtful that a traffic study would reduce that rate from 35 to 25. Sam explained the process to her.

Sally Duda, Brook Road came to the Board to see if they could grade the ruts out of the road near her home. Her grandson was riding his bike and hit some ruts and fell off his bike and fell 8 ft and broke his arm. She told the board that basically the maintenance on that is good. But there is a certain stretch of road that always gets washed out every time it rains. Will told her that they would get right over there and take care of that and they will be doing some ditching over there also.

CONSTABLE REPORT: – Will Ware had a call about manure trucks spilling over on Newark Hill. It rained that night and washed it away. They had some campers in Darling Park that Will had to ask to leave. There should be signage telling no over camper.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: ZA Doug Gimler was not in attendance. Attorney Laura Wilson of Morrissette, Young and Wilson law firm will be contacted to issue some violation letters to residents that are in violation of the zoning by laws. Priscilla will follow up on that.

OTHER BUSINESS: Adopt Local Emergency Operations Plan was presented to the Board. Will said that he had not got all the information that he needed to go on page nine which includes Highway and the fire departments equipment list yet. Sam made a motion to table the adoption until Will can get the Fire Department info. Will has done the Town equipment info.

WORK WITHIN HGHWAY RIGHT-OF-WAY PERMIT -The Board reviewed and approved the new permit for anyone who wants to do some work in the Towns right-of-way. In the future a permit is required along with a $100 deposit which will be returned upon inspection of the completed project. This permit needs to be approved by the Selectboard prior to the start of the project.

On the subject of the Cemeteries, Sam told the Board that he had checked with a professional tree expert on the safest way to take out overgrown trees in the cemeteries. Lefebvre Tree Works has proposed to remove a White Spruce in the Woodmont Cemetery for $800.00 which includes removal of the wood and brush. In Hillside he has quoted $450.00 to trim out dead wood from a large sugar maple and chip brush. In the Howland Cemetery he has quoted $1,200.00 to completely remove 5 dead pine.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board received and accepted with regret a resignation letter from lister Debra Hale. There was discussion on what to do with the listers office as it is very difficult to get local qualified people to fill the elected position. Bill Krychesky of New England Consultants had offered in the past to submit a proposal to be outside assessor if the Town could not fill the positions in the Listers office as many towns are going that route now. Priscilla will speak to Bill again about that proposal and also contact the State as to proper procedure to abolish the elected lister position.

The Board read a letter from Burkelyn with a proposal for funding. No action taken.

It was mentioned that a card and flowers was sent to Evon Gaskell for her birthday, who is in a nursing home in Barton. She turned 95. She is one of Burke's oldest residents.

Because the first Monday in September is a holiday (Labor Day) the September Selectboard meeting will be on Tuesday September 6, 2016 at 5 p.m.

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. Joe seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,

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