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August 6, 2018 – 5 p.m.
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

PRESENT: Christine Emmons, Darryel Corrow, Dave Kaufman, Brent Schafer, Willey Booker, Kevin Mack, Cynthia Stuart, Abigail Long, Butch Tower, Rick Hackett, Amy Nixon, Buddy Machell, Christian Hubbs, Brent Shafer, Sean Montague, Carmenza Montague, Keith Clerk. John Kascenska

Joe opened the meeting at 5 p.m. with the reading of the July, 2018 meeting minutes. Darryel made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Christine seconded.

VISTORS: **Willey Booker, Headmaster of Burke Mountain Academy and Kevin Mack, Director of Resort Services at the Burke Mountain Hotel** came before the Board to express their concern about the safety of the Academy Students and the speeding on the Burke Mountain Road.

Mr. Booker told the Board of his concerns, which are the increased traffic caused by the new Hotel and the Mountain Bike Tourism. He does not feel that the current signage has much effect on the speeding traffic. He is also concerned about students crossing the Mountain Road. He would like to replace the current signs with flashing actual speed reader signs and to have a well-marked pedestrian crosswalk between the Moulton House and the path to the main campus.

Mr. Mack told the Board that he has instructed all his employees and staff to use caution when driving to and from work. He also stated that a speed study on the Mountain Road would be a good idea. He was told that a study had already been done a couple years ago. The Board will review that study and get back to them. Both Mr. Mack and Mr. Booker agreed that they would be willing to share the expenses on the new signage.

Rick Hackett came before the Board again to ask them to look at trees in the Hillside Cemetery that need to come down. He also told the Board that there is a serious grub problem in the Hillside and Howland Cemeteries again. He has gotten a quote from Diamond Turf, Chip Stevens of East Burke for grub and beetle control in the amount of \$2,00.00 for the two cemeteries. Dave asked him what he was using for chemicals. Rick did not know but he would find out.

Rick also had a concern about a new house that is being built on an old country road (TH 20 an Untraveled Road that goes from Marshall Newland Road to VT Route 114) that Kevin Lajoie is building.

He says it is being built on the county road and does not have the proper setbacks. In fact he is right on the road. Also neighbor Maurice (Butch) Tower has a concern that Mr. Lajoie's septic system is too close to his (Tower) well. After some discussion, Brent Shafer, ZA, and Mr. Tower will meet at that location on Wednesday.

Cynthia Stuart, Concord Planning & Zoning Chair and Abigail Long, Executive Director, Kingdom Trail Association came before the Board to get their support for Burke relative to an opportunity to collaborate, apply jointly for a grant to explore mapping of a "Long –trail gravel network" that would link Burke to Concord by way of Class 3 and 4 graveled roads. This "Trail Network" will include the Towns of Burke, Concord Kirby and Victory. The Towns of Concord and Burke would be applying for the grant and be required to commit to matching funds. They can apply up to \$35,000.00. Cynthia doesn't think it would take more than \$20,00.00. This would include mapping study. Kingdom Trails will also be working along with the Towns on this project. After a short discussion, Christine made a motion to support the project and commit to a 10% match of whatever there grant is for. With a maximum of \$1,750.. Darryel seconded. All in favor. The Board signed the FY19 Municipal Resolution Municipal Planning Grant.

John Kascenska, Lyndon Rescue came before the Board to ask for payment for the Lyndon Rescue appropriation. They had originally asked for three equal payments beginning in April. Christine told him that they had voted on the \$70,012.00 appropriation request but did not agree to the three payment plan because the Town is on borrowed money until November. She told him they would look at the finances and see how it looks. John said the they would be happy with at least the first installment which was due in April. After some discussion the Board agreed to send the first payment at this time. John let the Board the know that John Bouffard has taken another position in St. J. and that Jillian Mcloughlin will be filling in as director for Lyndon Director until a permanent one is found.

The Board reviewed the Dollar General surveys that were distributed around Town. There were 122 Burke resident signatures with 99 no's and 23 yes. Christine told the audience that they had received an email saying that the project was put on hold for now and Dollar General will be contacted if they take up the project again. There has been no permits of any kind submitted as of yet. She also told the Audience that if they do submit the proper permits there was really nothing that the Board could do to stop it. Brent told them that the location they are looking at is in a area that does permit business to build. Carmenza Montague was curious as to where the survey came from. Christine told her that Dollar General had asked what the consensus of the Town would be so the Selectboard put it out there. Keith Clark spoke of some of the pros of letting the store in. Many spoke on the cons.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Dave told the Board that the Calendar Brook Road project is completed. The road crew has been out ditching. The Pinkham Road project has been completed. He told the Board that since they did the ditching on the Bugbee Crossing Road he has had issues with some of the landowners that do not have culverts. Casey McQuade is having issues with the water going onto his property so they may have to work on a solution for that. Dale's truck is requiring a lot of repairs and Dave would like to have to board look into trading it soon. Dave also told the Board they should start considering plans for a new Town Garage. After some discussion, Christine suggested getting a study committee together to gather information on costs and location.

The Board discussed the increased quote from Pike for the sloping work to be done on the Burke Hollow Road. Roadside mowing will begin on August 13th. Dave will be on vacation to from August 24th to September 4th.

Christine informed Dave that there is a grant available in the amount of \$17,000. The Town's match is \$3,400.00. This is for areas that are hydraulically connected.

CONSTABLE REPORT – No Report

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Brent Shafer was at the Board meeting to give his monthly report. He has sent violation letters out to Rick Schwag about the repair shop and parties that are going on at his property 45 VT Route 5A. The neighbors have constantly complained. The green acceptance card has not been returned to the office yet. He will be visiting

OTHER BUSINESS: George Frank came before the Board to discuss putting a roof over the Recycle Ramp to keep the snow and off the ram in the Winter. They also discussed putting on a small room for the punch can requirements. The Board gave him the go ahead for that project. George also told the Board that there is a heat issue over the Community Building. He said that when he was painting the end of the Community Building he could feel an enormous amount of heat coming out of the vent. He suggested putting in more vents.

George also told the Board that there is a leak in the roof at the meeting house. He believes that it is coming from the Steeple. That needs to be fixed asap because we just put a new ceiling in the church not long ago and don't want to ruin that. George told the Board that he would need to that job by the hour which was fine with the Board.

George also told the Board that they need to do something about the pigeons because they are going to ruin the roof.

- ** The Board signed account Verifications forms for Edward Jones
- ** Signed new account forms for Wells Fargo
- ** Signed Road Access Permit for Stuart Miles
- ** Set September Meeting for September 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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, Christine made a motion to adjourn. Darryel seconded.

Respectfully Submitted, Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt, cmc - Town Clerk and Treasurer