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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Emery Noyes, Will Ware, Mike Mathers, Adam Kennedy and Doug Gimler

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

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Will told the Board that he has been comparing graders and has decided that the Caterpillar would be the better of the two graders that he tried out. The other was a John Deere, there were pluses and minuses on both. After a brief discussion with the pros and Cons, they decided on the Cat at a cost of $241,500. The Cat has a better warranty then the John Deere. They will be take the old grader as a down payment. Sam and Darryel thought that the Cat was a better choice also.

Will said that his new truck has broke down and it was sent to Charlebois for repairs. They do have the extended warranty on it and hopefully it will be done and ready to work by the end of the week. They have been doing a lot of work on the Pinkham Road. Adam Kennedy has been doing some outside contract work on it. This is a grant project from which has a limited amount of funds. Sierra Trucking (Adam Kennedy) has submitted an bill to date of $11,376. Adam Kennedy has submitted an estimate to finish to Pinkham Road project to be at a cost of $9,000.00. Will would like to have Adam do the grant work for the Town.

There is also grant work to be done on the Washburn Road Will has been doing some checking on the pricing for hydro seeding on the roadsides. They will get either Caleb Temple or Jeff Cleveland to do the seeding.

Sam said he would like the road crew to do the Washburn Road, do the stonework, do the culvert by Mallets and then see where the finances are and go from there. Adam said that he would really like to finish the job that he has started to be sure it has been done to his standards.

Sam also told Will that he has received some info on policies that they would like the Town of Burke to implement. Will said that he would look into them and get something approved.

VISITORS: Mike Mathers came before the Board to clarify what is expected for additional vendors on one property. He was confused on the procedures for what to do if someone is proposing to have more than 2 vendors on the same property. Sam explained that when a vendor applies for a permit for an additional vendor, the Board will refer it to the DRB to finalize their permit.

CONSTABLE REPORT – Paul Gallant is out on sick leave. In the future we will be forwarding animal concerns to Candace Dane, the Selectboard or the Vermont State Police.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Doug had a lengthy discussion with the Board concerning Vendor trucks and the parking issues. The conclusion was that if a business wants to put in more than 2 vending trucks then it would have to come to the Selectboard and let them decide if there is a parking issue, if so it would be forwarded to the DRB.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Board received and reviewed 5 bids for the expansion of the Recycle Center. After reviewing, Sam made a motion to reject all bids because they were all over budget and some had bid on the incorrect specs. The Board is in hopes of putting it out to bid again next year if they can come up with the money.

Priscilla brought up the fact that there is a shortage of bodies in the Lister's office. There was some discussion on eliminating the elected office which was not a favorite option. Priscilla has met with Bill Krajeski the owner of NEMC, the outside assessors, and Sherri Noyes from the lister's office. Bill is the owner of the outside assessor company which Burke has a contract with. Bill has offered to do all the input to the computers for the sales that come into the office during the winter while Sherry is out of the office during the winter. He would also be available to answer taxpayers concerns if they want to ask questions of the Lister's office. The Town Clerk' s office will take calls during the day and pass the messages onto Bill for a return call from him. This would not be any additional cost to the current contract. The Selectboard said that they are willing to give it a try if it is not an extra burden on the Town Clerk's Office. We will be advertising for the Lister position in the paper.

SOLID WASTE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SWIP) - Sam asked the audience if there are any questions or discussion on the Solid Waste Implementation Plan that the board has been working on for many months. There were no questions or concerns from the audience. Sam made a motion to accept the Plan as revised and submitted. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board reviewed the correspondence. They received a letter from Judith H. Groskopf regarding planting of flowers. The Town does not have a written a policy

for planting trees or perennials, but if the people who plant them do not take care of them they get out of control, then the Town will do as they see fit. Once the perennials have gone by for the season the sexton will cut them back.

The board also received a letter from Nancy Ruggles, Lyndonville stating that they would like to allow a best friend to be buried in their full lot. That would still leave space for them. The board did not have an issue with that.

The Selectboard has received a notice of a Property Value Appeal Hearing for the Portland Pipeline Corp. Vs the Town of Burke hearing will be held Thursday September 10, 2015 at 9:30 am. At the Town Clerk's Office. The Portland Pipeline has appealed to the State of Vermont on their assessed value.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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