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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office**

**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ALTERNATIVE PRESENTATION
FOR BRIDGE 35 ON THE HAYDEN CROSSING ROAD
5: P.M.**

Laura Stone and Carolyn Carson from the Agency of Transportation came before the Board to give the Feasibility Study Report on the Hayden Crossing Bridge #35. A Power Point presentation on the pros and cons of reopening or permanently dismantling the structure with five options for the Town to consider:

The State is recommending:

Option 1 – Removing the bridge altogether at a cost of \$221,056 with a Town share of \$5,530.

Option 2 – Build a pedestrian bridge only, at a cost of \$434,297 with a Town share of \$21,720.

Option 3 – Replace the crumbling superstructure and decking of the bridge at the cost of \$573,593 with a Town share of \$14,340.

Option 4 – Full bridge replacement at a cost of \$1,146,146 with a Town share of \$57,310.

Option 5 – Full bridge replacement with adjustments to the roadway curves approaching the bridge at a cost of \$1,541,683 with a Town share of \$77,090.

After the presentation, the representatives took questions from the audience. The Selectboard assured Tom Villeneuve, Fire Chief of the West Burke Volunteer Fire Department that the dry hydrants on both sides of the Bridge will remain and the roads would still be maintained by the Town. No decisions were made on what will be done with the Bridge at this time.

There are full copies of the presentation in the Burke Town Clerk's Office and on line at the Town of Burke's website: www.burke.vermont.org

REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING

Christine opened the regular Selectmen's meeting noting that it was time to appoint a chair for the upcoming year. Darryel made the motion to appoint Joe Allard as Chair of the Selectboard for the upcoming year. Christine seconded and Joe stated he would accept the appointment. Joe told Christine that she could continue with this meeting and he would take over at the next meeting.

Christine made a motion to accept the March 5th Selectboard meeting minutes as submitted. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

Barry Sleath, Vice President of Construction for the Neil H. Daniels, Inc. Company came before the Board to sign the Contract for Construction of the East Burke Sidewalk. (Burke STP (65) Bike project. Christine wanted to verify that the completion date is June 30, 2018. Mr. Sleath agreed that the completion date is going to June 30th but the final completion date did not get changed in the contract from December 30th. Christine phoned Tim McGuire to see if they were locked into the December 30th date. Tim said that yes they were, but was sure that Neil H Daniels is agreeable to the June 30th date of completion. In order to change that date Tim told the Board that they would have to go through the whole bid process again. Tim also was in hopes that the Board would be signing the Inspection contract tonight and then they would set the pre-construction meeting within the next couple weeks with the Contractor and the Inspector then the project is good to go. The Board did sign both contracts.

The Board also signed off on the payment invoice to Tim McGuire in the amount of \$8,160 and to Summit Engineering in the amount of \$11,700.94 for their services.

Darryel offered his property on Route 114 for staging of the construction equipment and materials.

Carol Krochak asked if there were any plans to remove trees in the village during the construction process? The Board and Mr. Sleath did not know of any plans for that. Mr. Sleath needs to coordinate with the East Burke Fire District water project manager, Jeff Hale, to make sure that there is no conflict with the digging up for their lines and the laying of the sidewalk.

Carol also asked again of the status of a crosswalk on Route 114. Christine said that she has not seen it on the radar as far as she can see from the State's point of view. This would be a State Project.

VISITORS: Carol Krochak and Michele LaRocque-Tipton – One Burke - came before the Board to ask for permission to put up graphic signs which will help with safety issues in the villages and the roadways.. They are thinking of having the Burke School students get involved with the design of them. Joe told her that there can't be regulatory things on them because it is a State Highway. Chris said that there are billboard laws that they need to be familiar with. They could say such things as "Please Drive Safely". The Zoning Administrator also told them that there are also size and setback rules that they should be aware of. It can't be a directional sign or advertising sign. There are State Statutes that are on line that they should familiarize themselves on. They can't mimic a State Road sign.

Tammy Wagner and Linda Lotti - One Burke Infrastructure Committee came before the Board to ask for support for them to change from the original choice for the waste water project of Aldrich and Elliot to Dufresne Group because Aldrich and Elliot's quote came in over the \$30,000.00 grant amount.

Christine made a motion to allow One Burke to approach the Dufresne Group, who was second choice to do the feasibility Study for the waste water project.

Allan MacDonald of New Trick Brewery on Route 5 came before the Board to answer any questions they may have for his Vendor permit to allow food trucks to sell food at his Brewery. This is the first time that Mr. MacDonald has done this so wanted to be at the meeting to meet the Board. The Board signed his Vendor permit for a Food Truck.

Robert Adams was not present but he was applying for a permit for his food truck also. He has his truck at the Tiki Bar in East Burke for most of the Summer. The Board signed his permit also.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Dave told the Board that they have been struggling with the roads and keeping them passible. Having trouble still with getting winter salt. He has suggested signing more than one trucking contract next year instead of relying on just one. The board thought was a good idea. The Sweeper has arrived. He is very impressed with it. He said they will be starting some heavy brush cutting on the Burke Hollow Road especially on the S curve. This will open it up so the sun can get to the road and keep it dried it out better. Chris told him that the State has a great form that he could use if he had to cut into someone’s property beyond the right of way. It would be signed by the property owner giving the Town permission to cut on their property.

Dave asked the Board about taking the ton truck home to be available to him to check roads during storms and responding to Police calls etc. He now uses his personal truck to check roads and he does not charge mileage. He said it would not be an everyday thing, but would save wear and tear on his personal truck and save time from having to run to the Town Garage to pick up the one ton. He would like the Board to think about it. No decision was made.

Dave has talked to Gerard Gigue about Winter Sand. He has given a price of \$2.75 screened and \$3.00 off the Crusher. Dave thinks there is better material off the crusher. Jake Simpson is the same at \$2.75. The difference being the trucking which is shorter out of the Doyon pit in West Burke. The gravel is \$7.50 per yard for both. Both companies would like a commitment. If there is a commitment gravel would be \$6.75 per yard. Chris said that it is difficult to make a commitment on the gravel until they know how much they will be getting from the dam and until then they should not be committing.

Dave told the Board that the Bugbee Crossing Road near the Railroad tracks on the Route 5 side has a huge crack. Chris told him his first step should be to call for a bridge inspection. He should contact Shauna Clifford and she will have the inspectors come out and take a look.

They will be filling the black top pot holes with cold patch. Chris told Dave he should use hot patch as much as possible because it holds much better. Dave says by the time they pick it up and bring it back to Burke it is usually cold by then.

George Frank stopped by to tell the Board that there are leaking issues at the Recycle Center around the pipe on the roof. He told the board what it would take to repair it. They told him to do whatever it needs to be done to fix it.

CONSTABLE REPORT – No Report

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT: Brent Shafer told the Board that he has been taking phone calls and keeping regular office hours. He has gone out on several visits. Joe told him that there are several violations that should be dealt with. Especially Tom Williams properties and Rick Schwag properties in West Burke Village. There was some discussion on Ray McCoy property on Route 5. A junkyard should be fenced. Chris asked Brent to look into that. Joe told him there are others in Town that he wants to make Brent aware of.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board also signed

Signed Overweight Permits

Signed Liquor Licenses

Signed Road Access Permits (2) Santo

Signed Loan papers with Community Bank for Highway Loan for the Sweeper, \$19,500.00

This loan will be paid back over three years.

Signed East Burke Village Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvement Invoice for Summit and Tim McGuire

Accepted the resignation letter from Ryley Rodger, Rubbish/Recycle Attendant

Appoint Rubbish/Recycle Attendant – Board reviewed the applicants and decided they would offer Sam James the position. Starting pay will be \$14.00 per hour.

Discuss Lyndon Rescue payment plan. Lyndon Rescue is asking for a three payment plan. The Town would be on borrowed money until taxes comes in the fall. Chris made a motion to pay Lyndon Rescue as usual which is to pay all appropriations in December. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

Lawn Mowing Bids, The Board wanted to give Rick and Marcia Hackett the opportunity. If they do not want to do the summer mowing the Town will put it out to bid.

OTHER BUSINESS –

Christine made a motion to re-appoint each of the following to the noted Committees. Joe seconded. All in favor.

DRB	Mike Harris	3 years
	Herm Hoyt	3 years

Planning Commission

Sean Montague	3 Years
Valerie Desmarais	2 Years
Abigail Montgomery	3 Years

Conservation Commission

Joan Harlowe	3 Years
Chris Manges	3 Years
Elise Lawson	3 Years
Cathie Wheeler	3 Years

Animal Control Officer

Candace Dane 1 Year

Cemetery Sexton

Marcia Hackett 1 Year

Ricky Hackett, Sr. 1 Year

Fence Viewers

Tom Blake 1 Year

Gib Aldrich 1 Year

George Wagner 1 Year

Tree Warden Christine made a motion to appoint Hank Butler, who is chairman of the Conservation Commission. Priscilla will check with him to see if he will accept the position.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board read a letter from Hank Butler, Chair of Conservation Commission, Re: Signs. The Board was confused about his letter. They did not know if he was asking for additional money for signs or were they taking the money out of their budget. If they were asking for more money then they would have to come back to the Board with a separate request.

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

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

Adjourn

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