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Selectmen's Meeting

Burke Town Clerk's Office

Present: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Joe Allard

Visitors: Travis Corey, (Burke Softball) Ary Quiros, (Q Burke Mtn) Mike Pappalardo, (Q Burke), Matt Amidon (VT State Police) Amy Nixon (Caledonian-Record), Robert Adams (Food Truck), Francis(Butch) Williams, Scott Davis, Jake Gorham, Ric Prescott, Hank Butler, Carol Krochak, Rob Johnson, Mike Mathers, Jenna Wilson (Vermont Council on Rural Development) Cathi Feeley.

Darryel opened the Selectmen's meeting at 5 P.M. Minutes from March 7, 2016 meeting were read, Joe motioned to accept, Sam seconded, Minutes approved.

**Road Foreman Report**-Will presented the board with a bill from Howard Fairfield for the repair of Dale's truck. The board felt that this was not due entirely from improper maintenance issues, but a flaw in the way the tail gate was manufactured. They fixed a spring on the garbage truck. The road crew moved the storage container at the Recycle Center to make room for the new addition. They will move bales to the Ham house, so Jon can have more room in the recycling. A culvert on the Victory Road needs to be filled. Will fixed a culvert at Rick Libera's on the Burke Hollow Road on Friday, water was running over it.

**Lt. Amidon** -He wanted to introduce himself to the Selectboard. He will be replacing Lt. Henry who has moved on to Troop B. He asked if the board had any concerns on the way the police coverage has been going in Burke. The contract that the town has with them will be done 6 months at a time instead of once a year.

Once a week a trooper goes to the school and has lunch with the school kids. We can call them any time with questions or concerns.

Sam commented that things are going well with having the police in town.

**Rob Johnson**-representing Burke Mountain Academy. He was given a copy of the Speed Survey which was done by Sergeant Brian May (November 23, 2015) that he reviewed. The school is willing to pay for anything that will help with safety issues. Mr. Johnson asked about crosswalks, Sam stated that the state

doesn't recommend them in a rural area. BMA would be willing to purchase flashing school zone signs. They will look in to signs with a sensor that would flash when a car is approaching. The Academy would want the signs to be on starting at 6 A.M. until 8:P.M.

The signs will have to be 300 ft. apart. Mr. Johnson and Will Ware (road foreman) will meet to get the measurements and the placement of where the signs will go. Once that is done it can go into the ordinance. Once the ordinance is in place, the speeding can be enforced.

**Robert Adams** presented the board with a vendor permit for his food truck for the 2016 Summer season, at Mike's Tiki Bar in East Burke VT. The permit was signed and approved by the board.

**Travis Corey:** representing the Burke Softball League, was asking permission to use the ballfield at the East Burke Park for the 2016 softball season. The softball league is hoping to aerate the field in Burke Hollow. When this is done, the field should have a limited amount of use. This can be used by the school children, and little league while this is being done but the adult league use should be limited. The league holds games 6 nights out of the week. They hold a tournament once a month, on a weekend, and they also do a tournament during Fall festival. After some discussion it was decided that the Burke Softball League could use the field in East Burke for 3 midweek games and once a month on the weekend to hold their tournament.

The softball league will put up poly-cap around the top of the fence in East Burke.

**Francis (Butch) Williams** is concerned with the amount of junk cars on his neighbor Darlene Kulzyck's property. He wanted to let the board know he was going to talk to her.

**Carol Krochak** wanted to know the status of the sidewalk and crosswalks in East Burke. She was told that until right of way issues were solved, not much can be done.

**Jake Gorham** is interested in buying the land that the town owns that abuts their property on Bridge Street. He would like to have a riding ring and play area for their son. The town is not interested in selling it. The town would consider doing a year to year lease for them to use it. They would have to have proof of insurance and renew this lease every spring.

**Ric Prescott** presented the board with a letter from the Planning Commission asking to go from 7 board members to 5 board members. Joe motioned to accept this request, Sam seconded, It was approved.

**No Zoning Administrator or Constable report.**

#### **Other Business**

**Ary Quiros** from Burke Mountain wanted to let the Selectboard know the status of Burke Mountain. He said the mountain will be open for mountain biking in the summer and skiing in the winter.

**Hank Butler** from the Conservation Committee discussed setting up a scholarship fund for \$300.00 using the money in the cd for the Conservation Committee. The scholarship would allow kids to attend summer camps like Northwood Stewardship Center. Sam motioned to approve this scholarship Joe seconded. This was approved.

Also the Conservation Committee is working on a grant for tree planting. The grant could be used to plant shade trees in the East Burke Park and for landowners.

**Mike Mathers** Inquired if he needs a permit to have a pizza cart and ice cream cart at his property. It was determined that he could have one cart without getting a permit. Sam will check with the DRB.

**Sam** suggested to Will that when they know it's going to be a nice weekend, let one of the guys have a couple of days off during the week and then have the employee work on the weekend with the grader.

**Selectmen** discussed Holiday Pay for recycling employee, Jon Corey, he wasn't paid for the Town Meeting Holiday because it would of created overtime. This was not consistent with the other full-time employee's who were paid. He will be paid the same as everyone else who is full time.

**Jenna Wilson** from Rural Development explained to the board what the Vermont Council can do for the town in bringing the community together. If this is something the town is interested in, then a letter can be written from the Selectboard.

**Lawn Mowing Bids:** Three Bids were received: The contract was awarded to Kirby Mountain Lawn to mow the East Burke park for \$130.00 per mow. The town will mow the town clerk's office.

**Rubbish Attendant** Tim Bilodeau was the only applicant. He was hired for this position. Will will notify him he has the job.

**Linda** was asked to call George Frank to come and look at the roof around the bell Tower. It leaks in the the Town Clerk's office when it rains.

**Accounts Payable:** The Board reviewed the payables and signed the warrant as submitted. The overweight permits were signed.

PH Landscapers will do the sweeping as soon as weather permits.

The Selectboard will have a Special Meeting on April 11, 2016 at 8: A.M. with Shauna Clifford from the State to go over the highway budget and the paving grant.

On April 21, 2016 the Selectboard will have a special meeting to review bids on the recycle addition.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Hackett-Corey

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