

MINUTES FROM 12/22/2020 ALBURGH SELECTBOARD MEETING

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PRESENT: (All present via Zoom) Chairman, Lee Kimball, Alton Brusio, Chuck Pease, Ken Millman, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

GUESTS: (All present via Zoom) Terry Tatro, Mallory Ovitt, Carol Behrman, Danielle Choiniere, Matthew Lefleur

7:00pm - OPEN REGULAR MEETING:

- Meeting opened at 7pm by chairman, Lee Kimball

ADJUST AGENDA (if needed):

- Three adjustments (additions) were made:
 - **Addition #1 – Transfer Station procedures**
 - **Addition #2 – Complaint received**
 - **Addition #3 – Set date for next budget meeting**

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- 12/08/2020 REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the minutes from the 12/08/2020 Selectboard meeting as written – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried.*
- 12/15/2020 BUDGET MEETING
 - *Chuck Pease motioned to approve the minutes from the 11/15/2020 Budget meeting as written– seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried.*
- 12/17/2020 BUDGET MEETING
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the minutes from the 11/17/2020 Budget meeting as written – seconded by Russell Duchaine – all in favor – motion carried.*

VISITOR INPUT:

- Matthew LeFleur informed the Board about a round of grants that can be applied for.
- One of the grants is planning grant that is related to the COVID crisis and is available from the Better Places program.
- The deadline for this grant is January 22nd and would require the Planning Commission to hold a special meeting in order to apply for it in time.
- Terry Tatro explained that the project would have to be very specific and it would have to be for something in the Village boundaries.
- Terry will call a special meeting of the Planning Board for the first week in January.
- Lee Kimball and Ken Millman stated that they will attend.
- Terry Tatro also informed the Board that a different planning grant was awarded to the Town and asked if Lee could allow Terry to access the application so that he can see what it encompasses.
- Donna Bohannon asked if she too could have access.
- *Ken Millman motioned to allow Terry Tatro and Donna Bohannon reds only access to the planning grant in GEARS – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried.*

NEW / OLD BUSINESS UPDATES / TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS:

- 2006 Truck discussion –
 - o Alton Brusco explained that the 2006 plow truck has some electrical issues that cannot be resolved.
 - o There was some discussion about possibly trying to sell it.
 - o Russell Duchaine will get the information about the truck and attempt to determine its value.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Chris Lynch / Matrix & Broad band – update –
 - o Ken Millman reported that both the proposal and feasibility study have been received.
 - o He also reported that his opinion is that we do not add this to the ballot for the March Town Meeting.
 - o He reported that there are other possible options that may prove to be a better choice.
 - o Ken will continue to work on this and keep the Board and public informed.
- Northwest Communications Union District (NW CUD) – Update-
 - o Ken Millman reported that Matrix has won the bid to do the feasibility study and business plan for the NM CUD.
 - o He also reported that the next meeting of the CUD was going to be on January 5th and he would be attending.

- o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Jim Blair / Terry Tatro – Industrial Park property request
 - o No updates at this time.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Property on Industrial Park Road owned by Charles Garfield –
 - o A letter was drafted by Chuck Pease. The Clerk will print this and it will be mailed via certified mail.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Video surveillance at the Library – update –
 - o No update at this time.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Junk/Litter/Nuisance Property complaint – Pauline Drive – update –
 - o The property has been sold – Board is hopeful cleanup will begin.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Outside audit – update –
 - o The Treasurer reported that she has sent all of the information requested to date to the auditing firm and is waiting to hear more from the firm.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
- Transfer Station topics – Battery disposal and other topics as needed –
 - o Lee reported that NWSWD will pick up the batteries at the same time they pick up compost.
 - o Russell Duchaine reported that there are vendors that will pay anywhere from \$5 to \$8 per battery for automotive batteries.
 - o Russell will check with different vendors about purchasing and picking up the automotive batteries.
 - o Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 01/12/2021.
 - o Bottle and can returnables are piling up again.
 - o The owner of the store that was picking them up has sold the store.

- o Lee Kimball will check with the new owners to ask if they are able to take them still.
- o **Addition #1 – Transfer Station procedures**
- o The Treasurer reported that one of the deposits was over by \$53 and that it was explained to be the tip money for the Transfer Station employees.
- o The cash was returned to the office.
- o The Treasurer asked if a policy for Transfer Station financial procedures might be necessary.
- o There was some discussion on the subject, and it was decided that a policy is not needed.
- o The Treasurer asked that the Board make a motion to give the funds to the Transfer Station employees.
- o There was some discussion on the subject, and it was determined that the funds should go to the employees.
- o *Ken Millman motioned that \$53 be given to the Transfer Station employees as their tips – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried.*
- Create a social media policy –
 - o This was deemed not necessary.
 - o Remove from the agenda.
- **Addition #2 – Complaint received**
 - o A complaint was received about a property located at 361 Winters Lane.
 - o The Clerk read the complaint to the Board.
 - o The complainant stated that there is a mobile home on this sight that is uninhabited and has become home to cats and possibly other wildlife.
 - o The complaint explained that this property abuts their property and that they can smell the animal feces and urine.
 - o Their concern is for their children and other health and safety.
 - o This will be investigated and discussed at a future meeting.
 - o Tabled until further notice.
- **Addition #3 – Set date for next budget meeting**
 - o The next budget meeting will be on Tuesday, December 29th, 2020 at 6:30pm.

APPROVE INVOICES / SIGNATURES NEEDED.

- Alton Brusio will go to the office and sign invoices on behalf of the Board.

ADJOURN:

o *At 8:40pm Russell Duchaine motioned to adjourn – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted, Donna L. Bohannon Alburgh Town Clerk

Please note the above minutes HAVE NOT been approved. Approval or changes to the minutes will be addressed at the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 01/12/2021