SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL: 2014-2015 BUDGET

JANUARY 7, 2014

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:04PM BY DOUG MEDOR

PRESENT: *Doug Medor, Steve Aubin, Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Guy Palardy and Roxanne Creller*

GUESTS: *Ray Allen, Tyler Gotshall, Ernie Cleland, Cheryl Dunn, Gina Lewis and Dave Mills*

**2014-2015 BUDGET**

**Sheriff’s Department Presentation**

*Ray Allen provided a handout to all Board Members, which showed a requested increase of $11,094 compared to the current fiscal year. Currently, the monthly payment is $6,442.19; with the increase the amount would be $7,366.67. A yearly breakdown is: currently, $77,306.25; with the increase the total yearly amount would be $88,400.00.*

*Mr. Allen explained current monies do not take overtime into consideration, health care costs now have to be paid and an outpost position is vacant and another outpost trooper position hasn’t been filled either. Ray also explained that only 48% of monies are locally funded.*

*Alton Bruso asked if the Town could drop the number of hours from Alburgh from 40 to 35, which would bring the cost down to $6,445.83/month or $77,350.00 total. Clerk asked what happens to “ticket” money. The Sheriff’s Dept does not receive one cent from fine money. The State gets the money and the Town is given a certain percentage back.*

*Mr. Allen explained about different grants, how their dept goes into schools and the community and talks about suicide, drug problems, bullying, etc. Ray also stated that Alburgh is 34% of their call volume.*

*Tentative monies were discussed but no votes to accept figures took place. A listing of voted on dollar amounts by the Board will be published within future minutes.*

**AVFD**

*Tyler Gotshall presented the Board with monies being asked for by AVFD. The figures include an increase in money compared to last year for General Purposes and Dispatching:*

*General Purposes - $55,000.00 (separate article)*

*Equipment - $15,000.00 (separate article)*

*Dispatching - $36,442.50*

*The Fire Dept is also asking that Tax Exemption Status be warned for the March vote.*

*Tyler Gotshall and Ray Allen discussed how well both departments work together. Tyler also explained that AVFD had saved $9,000+ on insurance and were working on other projects to save money.*

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**LIBRARY**

*Gina Lewis presented Library information to the Select Board; Library Trustees were also in the audience to ask questions and provide back-up.*

*Highlights of the presentation:*

*-15,000+ visits to the Library*

*-3,000+ patrons using computers*

*-18 volunteers working 12,000+ hours*

*-60+ home deliveries*

*-105 non-Library meetings held in the building*

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**LIBRARY** (con’t)

*Agencies using Library*

*-VT Dept of Libraries -VT Health Connect*

*-VT Dept of Labor -Island Arts*

*-VT Dept of Welfare -Alburgh Historical Society*

*-North Country Counseling Services -Girl Scouts*

*-VT Reach Up Program -United Way*

*-Alburgh Elementary School*

*Services provided by Library*

*-public computers*

*-tax forms*

*-book club*

*-movie nights*

*-workshops*

*-large print books*

*Note: there are more highlights, agencies using the Library and services provided than listed above.*

*Gina then stated the Library is looking for an allotment of $44,000 again this year. A sheet was handed out explaining the $44,000 is to cover salaries, FICA payments, cleaning and mowing at the building. All other items are paid for by donations and fund raising.*

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**GENERAL FUND & REVIEW OF ALLOCATIONS, CONTRACTS, DONATIONS & MISC**

*Select Board decided to go line for line from page 11 and 12 of last year’s Town Report and review requests sent in for donations and allocations.*

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – HIGHWAY DEPT FOREMAN DISCUSSION**

*An Executive Session was listed on the agenda but did not take place.*

**ADJOURN**

*Doug Medor motioned to adjourn at 9:52pm – seconded by Robert Creller; motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne N. Creller

Alburgh Town Clerk/Treasurer