SELECTMEN’S MEETING MINUTES

SPECIAL: 2014-2015 BUDGET

JANUARY 23, 2014

CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:00PM BY DOUG MEDOR

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

GUESTS: *None*

**Delinquent Tax Collector**

*The Town of Alburgh does not have a Charter nor does it have a Town Manager so the duties nor pay for the Delinquent Tax Collector cannot be rolled into the duties of the Town Treasurer. The Board was handed a sheet provided by VLCT, showing the six different ways delinquent taxes can be collected, which was also backed up by the Secretary of State. At this point in time, the Delinquent Tax Collector position has to, by law, remain an elected position.*

*Alton Bruso motioned to rescind the vote of January 17th, which was allowing a separate article for the Town Treasurer to absorb duties in the 2014-2015 fiscal year – seconded by Guy Palardy; motion carried. There will be no separate article to vote on March 4th.*

***Voting for Remaining Items Took Place at End of All Discussions:***

**Outside Audit**

*During the recent Town Audit, all three Auditors felt it was time for an outside audit. Clerk got two cost estimates; these are not quotes because the timing could be over a year away and pricing may change. Both cost estimates were between $9,000 - $12,000. Since the last audit was over 5 years ago, Clerk thought putting $15,000 in the budget for audit purposes would be appropriate.*

**Final Budget Money Request for General Fund**

*After discussions about revenues, expenditures, etc. took place the Board discussed a total of $690,454.14 in budget and a request for $446,300.00 from tax dollars.*

**Final Budget Money Request for Highway Dept**

*After discussions about revenues, expenditures, etc. took place the Board discussed a total of $613,643.00 in budget and a request for $450,000.00 from tax dollars.*

**Solid Waste District**

*John Leddy, President of the Northwest Solid Waste District, sent the Board an email stating a formal letter was needed requesting particulars for Alburgh getting out of the District. The Board already knew it would take a Town vote and will be a separate article on March 4th.*

*Steve Aubin motioned to proceed with process and send John Leddy a formal request letter – seconded by Robert Creller; motion carried.*

**Warning for March 3rd Town Meeting / March 4th Town Vote**

*Guy Palardy motioned to approve outside audit, final budget money requests for both the General Fund and the Highway Dept and to proceed with process for voting to get out of Solid Waste District – seconded by Robert Creller; motion carried.*

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION – HIGHWAY DEPT PERSONNEL ISSUE**

*Steve Aubin motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:45pm–seconded by Robert Creller; motion carried.*

*Robert Creller motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:00pm–seconded by Steve Aubin; motion carried.*

***Action taken:***

*Guy Palardy motioned all Select Board Members to send all Highway Department personnel letters – seconded by Steve Aubin; motion carried.*

**ADJOURN**

*Doug Medor motioned to adjourn at 8:05pm – seconded by Robert Creller; motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne N. Creller

Alburgh Town Clerk/Treasurer