SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 28, 2014

CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00PM BY CHAIRMAN, DOUG MEDOR

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

GUESTS: *Brian Tjelta, Cora Prime, Carol Pellerin, Larry Cameron and Lance Percy*

**ADJUST THE AGENDA**

*No adjustments needed.*

**APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES:**

*01/14 Select Board Meeting Minutes*

*01/17 2014-2015 Budget Meeting Minutes*

*01/23 2014-2015 Budget, Warning, Emergency Meeting Minutes*

*01/27 Highway Department Foreman Discussion*

*Robert Creller motioned to accept all minutes as written – seconded by Guy Palardy; motion carried.*

**BRIAN TJELTA – PEOPLE CAUSING DAMAGE AT CENTER BAY BEACH**

*Brian Tjelta stated the minutes back in November ’13 imply that he wants to limit access at the Center Bay beach and that is just not so. Brian went on to state the driveway access and safety are his number 1 concerns.*

*Brian has spoken with State Representatives and been given recommendations in feet for plowing, emergency vehicles and general road width. Over the years Mr. Tjelta has seen increased use of the road (one day watching 45 trips up and down by people that are not residents) and again his main concern is safety.*

*Brian requests No Trespassing signs. Clerk asked where he wants the sign(s), since he and his neighbors already have No Trespassing signs on the fence on their private driveway. Brian stated he wants the sign put on the corner. Clerk stated that would give people the impression that they couldn’t go to or use the beach. Guy Palardy stated he sympathizes with Mr. Tjelta but he wouldn’t support No Trespassing signs anywhere but near the private driveway.*

*Brian then asked how to maintain the beach when people throw garbage, rip up fence posts and tear up the beach itself when vehicles get stuck. The Clerk then remarked every time the Board tries to keep the beach open and finds methods to make the beach wider to allow parking and turn-arounds, keep erosion down, etc. Mr. Tjelta finds another reason for keeping people out. Brian insisted again he’s not trying to keep people out.*

*Doug Medor asked the Board about putting up a sign that states DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAY. Brian then asked who will maintain the beach. Clerk asked who put the rocks on the beach in the first place – Brian stated the Town. Clerk asked why Brian would worry about it then. Clerk also remarked that if personal property such as fence posts are being ripped out the owners should be calling the sheriff or police. Brian stated the sheriff won’t do anything unless the Town puts up a sign. Clerk stated that made absolutely no sense; if private property is being destroyed it has nothing to do with the Town.*

*Carol Pellerin, Larry Cameron and Lance Percy all stated the beach has been used for many years; trees that have been cut have assisted in beach erosion and years ago a dock was even put out for Town’s people to use.*

*Guy Palardy, Alton Bruso and Robert Creller will accompany Mr. Tjelta down to the beach tomorrow morning, January 29th at 8:00am and will discuss at meeting of February 11th.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

-Town Garage

* *pump station: pending - Doug Medor working on station – will be back there on Friday, January 31st*
* *obtain 1” meter: pending - Steve Aubin to install*
* *drinking fountain: pending - Steve Aubin to install*

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-Town Garage (con’t)

* *air compressor lines: pending – awaiting VT Mechanical bid on installation*
* *shelving system: pending – Board wants merchandise to be put back in conex boxes and then the Highway Dept can build wooden shelves - delete*
* *moving conex boxes: complete - delete*

*VLCT Hazards:*

*Description: deck on the excavator has rusted completely through in spots creating large holes in the deck*

*Work not complete – Guy Palardy to make sure this is done by 2/11 meeting*

*Description: no ventilation for the welding area.*

*No filtration system needed; VT Mechanical quoting on system and on installing air compressor lines*

*Description: items can be stored or placed in front of fire extinguishers or breaker panels*

*Work not complete - Guy Palardy to make sure this is done by 2/11 meeting*

*and breaker panels*

-223 Greenwoods Road

*Tenant has not moved out yet. After the Tenant is gone, a Health Order will be needed so no one else moves in until there is sufficient water in place.*

-Bathroom Sink At Library

*Steve Aubin to update at next meeting.*

-Green Up Day – Selection of Town Coordinator

*Amy Erno Mashtare was the only person to come forward requesting to be the Town’s Coordinator for Green Up Day. This might be better having the Transfer Station personnel coordinate activities.*

*Guy Palardy motioned Amy Erno Mashtare be Alburgh’s Green Up Day Coordinator – seconded by Robert Creller; motion carried. Clerk to delete from next meeting agenda.*

-Village Sidewalk Upkeep, Plowing & Mowing

*Clerk provided Board copy of Town Attorney’s email explaining process of providing the Village 10% of their Grand List if Village takes care of sidewalks, etc. Board still thinks the Village could provide free water/sewer or some other token of working together.*

*Board also discussed working on a Town Charter, which would address issues such as the sidewalks, etc. Board wants two items listed under Tabled Items for future meetings: 1) Town to work with Village on sidewalks, water, sewer, etc. and 2) Creating a Town of Alburgh Charter. Clerk to table for discussions to begin in Summer 2014.*

-13 East Alburgh Road

*One Board Member thought there maybe fuel oil spilt in the basement. Clerk to contact Town Attorney about the “Warning To Sell” and ask about putting a For Sale sign on the property and also about the potential fuel in the basement.*

**NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS**

-Certificate of Highway Mileage

*Clerk provided Board last year’s signed copy. Roads haven’t changed in the last year so all information should stay the same. Alton Bruso motioned to sign Certificate ending February 10, 2014 – seconded by Guy Palardy; motion carried. Clerk to take care of paperwork and delete from next meeting agenda.*

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**NEW BUSINESS/MISCELLANEOUS** (con’t)

-Ancient Road Discontinuation by 2015

*Clerk provided Board letter from Town Attorney laying out the need to address Unidentified Corridors in Alburgh by July 1, 2015 or they will become obsolete automatically. Board wants chance to review letter from Attorney. Board will discuss at next meeting.*

**VISITOR INPUT**

*The State sent paperwork to Town stating April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. The State would like each Town to contribute $1 per pinwheel (asking for 100 pinwheels) for a pinwheel garden that will be shown in Montpelier. Clerk asked how the Town could do this if it wasn’t in the donations for this fiscal year. Board did not vote but all agreed that Alburgh would NOT purchase pinwheels. Clerk to delete from next meeting agenda.*

**TABLED TOPICS AND/OR WAITING RESULTS**

-Alburgh Springs Community Hall Leases / *no update at this time*

-Grand Isle Rec Committee – County Swim Program

*No representative yet. Delete from next meeting agenda, as there’s no interest.*

-Physical Inventory

*Transfer Station – began 11/06 – Clerk to check with Amy Erno Mashtare*

*Town Garage – began 11/06 – Guy Palardy to work with Rodney James to get info on a computer spreadsheet*

*-*Cemetery on Reynolds Land in Alburgh Springs / Spring 2014 / *no update at this time*

-Joan Whitesell / Spring 2014 / *no update at this time*

-Missile Base Sale / Spring 2014 / *no update at this time*

-Request for Opening Town Road #14 / Spring 2014 / *no update at this time*

**-**Danny R. Bevins vs. William J. Duchaine & Town of Alburgh / *no update at this time*

**APPROVE INVOICES / LIQUOR & TOBACCO LICENSE RENEWALS**

*All invoices and licenses approved.*

**ADJOURN**

*Robert Creller motioned to adjourn at 8:55pm – seconded by Doug Medor; motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne N. Creller

Alburgh Town Clerk/Treasurer