SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

FROM 07/08/2014

**PRESENT –** Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Bernard Savage, Steve Aubin, and Donna Bohannon, Guy Palardy at 7:25PM.

**GUESTS –** Leeann Porto, Joanie Krizer, Katie Creller, Tony Towsley, Scott Collins, Willie Burbank, Mike Lamphere, Irene Clarke, Armand Premo, Valerie Boutah, Linda Gotshall, Terry Tatro.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION –** Employment interview – *Alton Bruso motioned to go into Executive Session to conduct an interview for an auditor position at 6:35PM – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor –* ***motion carried*****–** Board in executive session.

*Steve Aubin Motioned to come out of Executive Session at 6:55PM – Alton Bruso seconded – all in favor –* ***motion carried –*** Executive session ended. – ***No action taken at this time.***

**OPEN MEETING –** Robert Crellercalled the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed) – *One adjustment needed –*** The new business of dogs on truck route needs to be addressed first.

* **Adjustment #1 - Dogs on Truck Route –** *Eighteen chickens / two turkeys were killed –* On Sunday morning July 6th Joanie Krizer was called to the home of Bob Grim. He was reporting that there were two dogs in his chicken enclosure and they had killed all eighteen of his chickens, two of his turkeys and one cat. Joanie was able to capture the two dogs, ascertain that the owner of the dogs is Bernadette Creller and bring them to the Humane Society. Some discussion took place as to what the fate of the dogs would be. Katie Creller, Tony Towsley and Scott Collins (representing Bernadette Creller) were there to request that the dogs not be euthanized, Joanie felt that they needed to be euthanized and believed that the Humane Society also felt that way. The keepers of the dogs (Bernadette Creller, Katie Creller, Tony Towsley and Scott Collins) are willing to pay Bob Grim for the damages and the loss but would like the dogs to be released back to them. Steve Aubin is going to visit the Humane Society to see what their thoughts are on the disposition of the dogs. Bernard Savage is going to call the Humane Society to ascertain the same. Katie Creller and Tony Towsley are going to talk to Bob Grim so that they can make restitution for the damage and destruction that the dogs have made. ***Topic is tabled*** *until next meeting currently scheduled for July 22nd, 2014.*

1. **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**
   * 06/24/2014 SELECTBOARD MEETING – *Alton Bruso motioned to approve the minutes from 06/24/2014 as written – Steve Aubin seconded – all in favor –* ***motion carried.***
2. **NEW BUSINESS / MISCELLANEOUS:**

* **Willie Burbank –** *Feedback on the “Food for Everyone” barrels –* The correct name is “Vegetables for Everyone” {Apologies from the clerk}. The “Vegetables for Everyone” barrels are not a project of the ABC group, they are a project of Derek Thuraiaiyah. The ABC group would like to see the project succeed. There has been some negative feedback on the appearance of the barrels and Derek has moved them to ONLY places that have requested them. The project is meant to have a positive impact on the community not a negative one. Children of various ages were included in the painting of the barrels and the overall theme is to provide vegetables for free to anyone that wanted to pick them. It is also meant to be a recycle project as the barrels are being reused not dumped in a landfill. Derek has also said that if anyone wants to improve the barrels that are on their property by painting them, they are free to do so. He has received a sustainability grant through Walmart to help fund this project and the funds will be distributed through the ABC group but they are not spearheading the project. Willie suggested that maybe a community garden would be a better idea for next year.

Willie also wanted to thank the Town for the use of Industrial Park Road for the Street Festival. The festival was a success, the children had a good time and it was profitable for the ABC group.

* **Irene Clarke** ***–*** *Inspection report –* Irene wanted the Board to know that the Fire Marshall finished his inspection of the *Islands in the Sun Senior Center*, the building passed inspection and was ready for people to come and visit it. She was also requesting permission to put a horseshoe pit in the park behind the Senior Center. There was no motion made but the Board all agreed that a horseshoe pit could be put in the park.

1. **TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS:**

* **Ordinance review by Attorney, David Rugh –** *Update –* Clerk presented the Board with the quote from Mr. Rugh. The Selectmen are going to review the quote and make a decision at the next meeting. ***Topic is tabled*** *until the next Board meeting currently scheduled for July 22nd, 2014.*
* **NEMRC –** Bulk Time agreement *– Update –* Ernie from NEMRC is going to write up a new contract for one of the Board members to sign. Ernie is going to waive the 18 hours that the Town has used but he hasn’t billed us for. Once the agreement is signed, he will reduce the first bill to reflect the $75 per hour rate. If the Village wants to use some of the time at that rate they can, we can pay as we go versus paying all up front and if we go over the minimum hours, the charge will still only be $75 per hour.
* **B.C.A Meeting –** Schedule for when – *Update –* Terry Tatro has some abatements that need to be addressed. ***Clerk to contact all members of the BCA and schedule a meeting for 6PM on July 22nd****, 2014. This will give them an hour before the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting to hold a BCA meeting.* ***Clerk to warn the meeting.***

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   * **Town garage**
     + 1” Water Meter – *Update –* Letter from Village requesting completion. *Work is complete –* ***Clerk to remove from agenda.***
     + Plumbing / Drinking Fountain – *Update –* Work is not complete – Steve Aubin will be completing it the week of July 14th, 2014.
     + Air Compressor Lines – *Update–* Work is not complete – Steve Aubin will be completing it the week of July 14th, 2014.

* **VLCT Hazardous notes –** *Update –* DC Energy finished the work on 07/08/2014. ***Clerk to remove from agenda.***

1. **VISITOR INPUT:**

* Leeann Porto –
  + She attended the meeting to find out if the noise ordinance was ever reviewed. As stated earlier in the meeting, the ordinance reviews have not yet been approved. – *Updates in the future.*
  + Leeann also wanted to compliment the town on the parade. She enjoyed it very much.
* Linda Gotshall –
  + Readdressing Billy Duchaine’s vacation. She wanted to be sure that the Board understood that if they let Billy’s vacation time carry over from one year to the next that they would have to be willing to do it for others if they asked. The Board was clear on this and said that it would be handled on a case by case incident.
  + Unpaid sick time gets paid to the employees at the end of the fiscal year. Linda wanted to know how to handle paying an employee that was hired four months ago. The Board agreed that the employee would get paid for a third of the sick time. Unpaid sick time will be paid by July 31st.
* Armand Premo –
  + Armand wanted to express his gratitude toward Dan Girard for cleaning the streets before the Fourth of July parade. He felt it would be a nice idea to send him a letter thanking him. – ***Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Dan Girard.***
* Clerk updated the Board and the audience on the speed survey performed on Blue Rock Road. Ray Allen sent the survey results to the Town. The results were surprising. Less than half of the traffic traveling on that road were speeding. 895 of the 1076 vehicles surveyed headed northbound on Blue Rock Road were going 35 MPH or less – 181 were traveling at speeds over 36 MPH.

1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:** All invoices were signed. No overweight permits to sign.
2. **Executive Session decision –** *Steve Aubin* motioned to hire Corinne Russin as a part time auditor as described to her at the interview – seconded by *Alton Bruso* – all in favor – ***motion carried. Clerk to inform her of the Boards decision.***
3. **ADJOURN:** *Alton Bruso motioned to adjourn at 8:30Pm – seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor* ***motion carried.***

***By State Statute the minutes and agenda both need to be posted at the Town Office, on the Town website and two designated locations within the Town. From this time forward, the agenda and the minutes will be posted on the website, at the Town Office and the following two locations.***

***The two designated locations that the Alburgh Town Clerk will use for designated locations is the Alburgh Post Office and the Crossroads Mobile Station (also known as - On the Run).***

Respectfully submitted, Donna L. Bohannon Alburgh Town Clerk

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Please note the above minutes HAVE NOT been approved. Approval or changes to the minutes will be addressed at the next meeting, currently scheduled for July 22nd, 2014.