**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**FROM 08/12/2014 MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Guy Palardy, Bernard Savage, Steve Aubin arrived at 6:50PM, Donna Bohannon

**6:30PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION –** For the purpose of attorney-client communications for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body, information that would put the municipality at a substantial disadvantage if there was premature public knowledge of this information

**Meeting called to order at 6:40 by Chairman Robert Creller.**

**Guy Palardy motioned to go into executive session at 6:40 for the purpose of attorney-client communications of which premature public knowledge would put the municipality at a substantial disadvantage – Bernard Savage seconded – all in favor – *motion carried.***

**Guy Palardy motioned to leave executive session at 7:27PM – Steve Aubin seconded – all in favor – *motion carried. –*Board out of executive session. – No action taken.**

**7PM – OPEN MEETING:**

**PRESENT:** Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Guy Palardy, Bernard Savage, Steve Aubin, Donna Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Leeann Porto, Barbara Baker, Amy Erno Mashtare, Terry Tatro, Bernard (Bing) Pero

**Meeting called to order at 7:30PM by Chairman Robert Creller**

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):** Two adjustments needed – The first two items on the agenda are canceled. Neither Rob Peterson nor Richard Michalenoick will be attending.

1. **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**

* 07/22/2014 SELECTBOARD MEETING

**Bernard Savage motioned to accept the minutes from 07/22/2014 as written – Guy Palardy seconded – all in favor- *motion carried.***

* 08/05/2014 SPECIAL MEETING – Discussing the position of an appointed official.

**Bernard Savage motioned to accept the minutes from 08/05/2014 as written – Steve Aubin seconded – all in favor – *motion carried.***

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Rob Peterson – Vt. Parks and Forest –** Work to be done at The Alburgh Dunes State Park. – **This meeting took place at 5:30PM – Misunderstanding of the scheduled time. Future updates from Vt. Parks and Forests will take place.**
* **Richard Michalenoick – “The Revenue Recovery Group” –** No cost bill review.” **Unable to attend – rescheduled for the first Board meeting in September.**
* **Amy Erno Mashtare** – Reviews – Northwest Solid Waste Management District questions – Can the Board ban someone from the Transfer Station –
  + **Amy spoke with, Dennis Fekert about a permit to add a building at the Transfer Station. He informed her that there was not going to be a need for any permit from the State.**
  + **The Board reviewed the quote from Jim Honsinger (Advantage Property Service) for a pole barn style building. There was some discussion as to whether or not the proposed building was going to be large enough to store the bales. There was also discussion about the position and size of the door. *No motion was made. Tabled until next meeting currently scheduled for 08/26/2014.***
  + **Amy presented the Board with the reviews for Dan Pecor and Matt Santor. Requested to discuss the reviews in executive session after the regular meeting.**
  + **Amy would like to represent the Town at the Northwest Solid Waste Management Districts meetings. In order to do that she needs to be appointed to the position of NWSMD representative. Steve Aubin would need to resign for this to change - *No motion made – Tabled until next meeting currently scheduled for 08/26/2014.***
  + **Amy inquired about banning someone from the Transfer Station. Tom Dupre brought in a truckload of carpet and carpet padding to dispose of. He complained about the cost of disposing of the carpet and padding. Amy tried to explain to him that she did not set the price and he was belligerent with her. Bernard Savage was witness to this and tried to explain to Tom that Amy had no control over the price. It was then noticed that he had thrown a toilet in the dumpster also. Amy informed him that it was going to be extra for the toilet. Tom got in his truck and squealed away leaving “burn out marks” a portion of the length of the driveway. Amy stated that this is not the first time that he has been belligerent with her and wanted to know if he could be banned from the Transfer Station. – Bernard Savage motioned that the clerk write a letter to Tom stating that if he does this again he will be banned from the Transfer Station. – Seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor – *motion carried.* Clerk to write a letter to Tom Dupre and send it to him by certified mail.**
  + **Recycling bins – In April, Amy ordered 50 recycling bins from the Northwest Solid Waste Management District and to date we have only received 27 of the 50. Amy has tried to get in touch with Barry Domina but has not gotten a response from him yet. People are asking for the bins and Amy would like to sell them but she can’t sell them if she doesn’t have them. She would like the Board to get in touch with Barry Domina and inquire about the bins. – *Bernard Savage volunteered to go to the District and find out where the other 23 bins are. –* Board agreed – Bernard Savage to contact Barry Domina.**
  + **The Islands in the Sun Senior Center would like to know if they can bring their garbage to the Transfer Station for free since they are a Town entity. Bernard Savage motioned to approve free trash disposal for the Islands in the Sun Senior Center – Alton Bruso seconded – Steve Aubin opposed - the rest of the Board in favor – quorum agreed – *motion carried.***
* **James Honsinger, *Advantage Property Service* –** Library and Transfer Station estimates – **See above for Transfer Station quote results. No decision made on Library quote.**
* **Donna L. Bohannon –** 
  + Closing the Town Clerk’s Office at noon on Fridays

**Board has been made aware and minutes will serve as one form of notification to the public. Clerk will post a change of hours’ notice in office and in designated locations in the municipality.**

* + Upcoming trainings and seminars –

**Several training coming up that the Board may be interested in attending. Clerk will present them to the Board at the end of the meeting.**

1. **TABLES TOPICS / WAITING FOR RESULTS:**

* Decision on Truck Route dogs – *Update –*

**Katie Creller has paid the fines to the Town. Copper is still in Swanton until the kennel is finished. She will register him once the kennel is finished, the Board approves it and Copper can return to the Town. She will get him registered before he comes back.**

* Ordinance review by Attorney David Rugh – *Update*

**The Board does not want the ordinances reviewed by the attorney at this time. *Clerk to remove from agenda.***

* Noise Ordinance rewrite – *Update from clerk*

**Clerk presented revised noise ordinance to the Board. They requested a copy to take with them to review before approving. Clerk to provide copies to the Board.**

* Judith Krizan – Walkway to the lake – West Shore Road – *Update*

**Board agreed that Bernard (Bing) Pero is to “feather” the stones to create a path to the beach. He is also to make a handrail for her to hold on to. Bing stated that it will be two to three weeks before he will be able to do the work. Clerk to remove from agenda until the work is completed.**

* Paul Prairie – Fireworks complaint – *Update*

**Clerk sent Mr. Prairie a letter explaining what the Board decided. He has not responded. Clerk to remove from agenda*.***

* Greenwoods Road ditches – *Update*

**Board agreed that Bing Pero will clean the ditches out in the fall of this year, 2014. Clerk to remove from agenda until the work is completed*.***

* David Miller – 29 West Shore Road would like the Town to look at the culvert in front of his home. – *Update*

**The Board is in agreement that the home owner is responsible for anything beyond the end of the culvert. Bernard (Bing) Pero will open up the lake side end of the culvert. If Mr. Miller wants to extend the culvert on the lake side further than it is he will need to get permission from the Board to add on to the existing culvert and pay for the work and materials himself.**

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   * **Town garage**
     + Plumbing / Drinking Fountain – *Update –*

**Regulators and filters are in – Steve Aubin to complete the work.**

* + - Air Compressor Lines – *Update–*

**Regulators and filters are in – Steve Aubin to complete the work.**

1. **VISITOR INPUT / MISCELLANEOUS:** 
   * **Leeann Porto –** Leeann wanted the Board to be aware of what seems like the beginning of a “sinkhole” on. West Shore Road. Approximately a half mile south of the Truck Route in the South bound lane. She is concerned that someone will hit it too hard and cause an accident. **Bing Pero to look at the road in that area and determine the extent of the damage.**
   * **Terry Tatro –** Terry informed the Board that the street sign on Main Street and Mott Farm Road was falling over as well as the Lake Street sign. Clerk informed the Board that the new Deer Run sign is also in need of attention as it is leaning. **Bing Pero to look at the signs and make the needed repairs to the posts.**
   * **Bing Pero –** Bing wanted to know if there is going to be a raise for the highway crew this year. The Selectboard was in agreement that Bing would need to do formal evaluations for both Rodney James and Billy Duchaine and the Board will meet with Rodney and Billy separately in executive session before the next Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for August 26th, 2014. – **Bing Pero to write up evaluations for Rodney James and Billy Duchaine.**
   * **Guy Palardy –** Guy wanted the Board to be aware that Bing Pero was using Guys excavator at the rate of $50- per hour for work on Town Roads. Bing got price quotes from several rental companies and found that $50 per hour was a better rate than any of the rental companies offered.
   * **Miscellaneous –** Alton Bruso motioned that Robert Creller sign the new agreement with NEMRC – Bernard Savage seconded – all in favor *–* ***motion carried.***
   * **Miscellaneous *–***Alton Bruso motioned that the Board adopt the new tax rates for the new fiscal year – seconded by Steve Aubin – all in favor *motion carried.* **The tax rate for the fiscal year 2014/2015 is as follows:**
     + **Town – 0.1114**
     + **Highway – 0.1818**
     + **Local – 0.0020**
     + **Residential Education – 1.4205**
     + **Non-Residential Education – 1.4581**
2. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT SLIPS:**

No Overweight slips to sign – all invoices approved and signed by the Board.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

* **At 9:20PM, Bernard Savage motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of evaluation of a municipal employee – seconded by Steve Aubin – all in favor – *motion carried* – Board in executive session.**
* **At 9:35PM Guy Palardy motioned to leave executive session – Bernard Savage seconded – all in favor –*motion carried –* Out of executive session – No action taken,**

1. **ADJOURN: At 9:35 PM Guy Palardy motioned to adjourn – seconded by Steve Aubin – all in favor – *motion carried* meeting adjourned.**

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 August 26th, 2014.**

**Meeting date will be adjusted due to Primary voting on August 26th, 2014.**