SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

9 SEPTEMBER 2014

**PRESENT –** Alton Bruso, Bernard Savage, Guy Palardy, Donna L. Bohannon

**GUESTS –** Leeann Porto, Terry Tatro, Linda Gotshall, Paul Fortin, Bing Pero arrived at 7:15PM, Bill Roberts arrived at 7:40PM

**7PM – OPEN MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 7:10PM by Guy Palardy

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):** Two adjustments needed –

* Richard Michalenoick postponed until the next meeting currently scheduled for 09/23/2014
* Jacques Dupuis – No longer needs to come before the Board as the problem has been resolved.

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

* 08/27/2014 SELECTBOARD MEETING
  + *Alton Bruso motioned to accept the minutes from 08/27/2014 as written – Bernard Savage seconded – all in favor – motion carried – minutes approved*

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**

* **Richard Michalenoick - “The Revenue Recovery Group” – No cost bill review.” –** Tableduntil the next meeting currently scheduled for 09/23/2014
* **Jacques Dupius – 189 West Shore Rd. –** No longer necessary – *clerk to remove from agenda*
* **Paul Fortin – Assistance on the parking lot at the Senior Center –** Paul is requesting that the highway crew be given permission to assist him at the Islands in the Sun Senior Center (on the time schedule appropriate for the highway crew) with work on the driveway. There is a patch of sod, approximately 20’ X 44”, that needs to be removed and some fine material brought in. It will amount to approximately one tandem load going out and one tandem load going in. It will amount to approximately 3 hours of work for our town highway crew. – *Bernard Savage motioned to allow the highway crew to assist Paul with the work that is needed when Bing and the crew are available – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – assistance granted.*

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

* **Michael Gervais (Union Bible Church) – Asking for permission to hook on to the water lines on Missile Base Road –** Tableduntil the next meeting currently scheduled for 09/23/2014

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Jason and Rebecca Poquette, renters in the Greenwoods -** *Update*– New information was given to the clerk and Bernard Savage – all Board members present were in agreement that it was not an issue that the Town had a say in – *Clerk to remove from agenda*
* **Barb Baker -Outside audit? –** *Update -* Tableduntil the next meeting currently scheduled for 09/23/2014
  + **Town garage**
    - Plumbing / Drinking Fountain – *Update –* Bing informed Board members that were present, that progress was being made - Tableduntil the next meeting currently scheduled for 09/23/2014
    - Air Compressor Lines – *Update –* Bing informed Board members that were present, that progress was being made - Tableduntil the next meeting currently scheduled for 09/23/2014

1. **VISITOR INPUT / MISCELLANEOUS:**

* **Bing Pero –** 
  + Bing provided the Board members with a paving quote of $53,000 for East Alburgh Rd. There was some discussion as to whether or not he should get more bids for the paving on East Alburgh Rd and also for the paving that is slated to be done on Border Rd. There was agreement that quotes should be obtained from other companies. Bing also wanted to address whether to pave East Alburgh Rd this year or wait until next year. There was some discussion about the benefits to waiting until next year. A couple of the benefits were that the work that has been done on East Alburgh Rd would have a chance to “settle” so that if there were any areas that needed more attention it would be easier to repair the dirt than it would be to have to repair the blacktop if “settling” took place after the blacktop was in place. Another advantage would be that Bing can get quotes on the pavement for both East Alburgh Rd and Border Rd so that the cost may be lower if grouped together. – *The Board and Bing were in agreement that they should wait until spring to pave East Alburgh Rd that Bing should retain quotes from other companies and the quotes should be for both roads.*
  + Bing requested that Charles Benjamin be allowed to do 80 hours of community service work at the Town garage. He will be doing general cleanup and shop work. He won’t be operating any equipment. Because this is community service that is required of him, the States’ insurance will cover his liability. All present members of the Board were in agreement to allow Charles Benjamin to do 80 hours of community service at the Town garage with the provisions that he not operate any equipment and that he sign a release of liability form from the Town. – *Clerk to provide “Release of Liability” form for Bing Pero to give to Charles Benjamin to sign*
  + Bing requested that he be allowed to mix the sand and salt for the winter roads at the Missile Base and transport the mixture to the new Town Garage as space there is limited still - Present members were in agreement to allow the salt and sand to be mixed at the Missile Base instead of at the Town Garage
* **Terry Tatro –** Terry requested that the Board pass two resolutions pertaining to tax sale – the resolutions are as follows –
  + Terry Tatro, the delinquent tax of the Town of Alburgh, pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5258 be authorized to retain counsel of his choice for legal assistance in the preparation for and conduct of all tax sales of real estate delinquent taxes held by him during his present term of office and to add the expenses for legal assistance to the costs and fees allowed in the tax sales in an amount not to exceed that allowed by law.
  + Pursuant to 32 V.S.A. § 5259, the Town of Alburgh shall become the purchaser at all tax sales of lands and premises within its boundaries held by the delinquent tax collector during his present term of office for the amount of taxes, interest, costs and penalties then due in the event that there is no bid equal to said amounts.
    - *Alton Bruso motioned to approve both resolutions as proposed by Terry Tatro – Bernard Savage seconded – all present agreed – motion carried – resolutions passed*
* **Town Clerk –** Presented the Board with the information about Town Fair 2014 and wanted to know if they would delegate someone to represent Alburgh at the VLCT annual business meeting being held at the Town Fair on October 9th, 2014. – Alton Bruso motioned that Bernard Savage would represent Alburgh at the meeting – seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor – motion carried – Bernard Savage to be a voting representative at the VLCT annual business meeting
* **Bill Roberts –** Mr. Roberts, who is running for State Senator, stopped in to let the Selectboard know who he is and to talk to them about some of his watershed concerns.

1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT SLIPS: -** There were no overweight slips – all invoices were signed
2. **ADJOURN –** *Guy Palardy motioned to adjourn at 8:10PM – seconded by Bernard Savage – all present 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 September 9th, 2014.**