MINUTES FROM 10/14/2014

SELECTBOARD MEETING

**PRESENT – Steve Aubin, Alton Bruso, Robert Creller (Chairman), Guy Palardy, Donna Bohannon**

**GUESTS – Linda Gotshall, Doug Medor, Bing Pero, Leeann Porto, Terry Tatro**

**7PM – OPEN MEETING: Called to order at 7PM by Chairman, Robert Creller**

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed) – Visitor input is being addressed first -**

* Doug Medor would like the Board to know that he is not opening a transfer station and has some equipment to sell if the Town would like to purchase it. He presented the Board with a list of the items available.
1. **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**
* 09/23/2014 SELECTBOARD MEETING
	+ Steve Aubin motioned to accept the minutes from 09/23/2014 as written – seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor motion carried – minutes accepted
1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT SLIPS: -**
* No overweight slips to sign – all invoices accepted and signed
1. **TABLED TOPICS / WAITING FOR RESULTS**
* No tabled topics or waiting results
1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
* **Leonard Martell –**
	+ **Requesting Board signatures for Act 250 Permit**
		- Tabled until next meeting currently scheduled for 10/28/2014 as Mr. Martell was not present
* **Bing Pero –**
	+ **Requesting 1 week paid vacation**
		- Discussion took place about the original contract negotiations. The Board is in agreement that they will perform an evaluation on Bing in executive session. This evaluation will take place on 10/28/2014 at 6:30PM prior to the regular Board meeting.
1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
* **Barb Baker -Outside audit? –** *Update –* Linda Gotshall informed the Board that they are still waiting for two quotes.
* **Town garage**
	+ - Plumbing / Drinking Fountain – *Update –* The drinking fountains still need to be installed
		- Air Compressor Lines – *Update –* The hose reels still need to be installed
* **Amy Erno Mashtare – Several topics**
	+ **Repairs need to be made to boxes at the Transfer Station –** *Update –* The C&D box is in need of replacement – the Board is going to look at the equipment that Doug Medor has available to determine if any of that can be purchased as a replacement
	+ **Re-pricing items according to sheets previously handed out –** *Update –* Amy is going to create a new list of suggested changes for the Board to look at on the next meeting currently scheduled for 10/28/2014
	+ **Additional items brought up by the Board -**
		- **The roof on the office of the Transfer Station needs to be repaired or replaced –** The Board will visit the Transfer Station and assess the best way to proceed
		- **A new building is needed for storage –** The Board will come up with a set of specs that they feel will be sufficient for a new building and put it out for bid at a later date
1. **VISITOR INPUT / MISCELLANEOUS –**
* Addressed at the beginning of the meeting
1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION – For the purpose of discussing salary of an elected official**
* **At 8:40PM Steve Aubin motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the salary of an elected official – seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor – motion carried –Board in executive session**
* **At 8:55 Alton Bruso motioned to leave executive session – seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of executive session**
* **At 8:56PM Steve Aubin motioned to find that premature general public knowledge of the information from the attorney would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage because of the law suit still pending – Alton Bruso seconded – all in favor – motion carried**
* **At 8:57 Steve Aubin motioned to enter into executive session for the reasons noted in 1 V.S.A. §§ 313 (a)(1) for the purpose of providing information pertaining to an active law suit against the Town of Alburgh – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Board in executive session**
* **At 9PM Alton Bruso motioned to leave executive session – seconded by Steve Aubin – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of executive session –**
* **At 9PM the Board resumed the open meeting and invited the public to return**
* **The Board agreed that the salaries for elected officials was voted on at Town meeting and as such they could not justify to the Town a raise in salary for any elected official. They agree that the salaries should be increased but could not authorize one at this time. The Board also agreed that they are going to include a salary increase for the position of Town Clerk and the position of Town Treasurer in the next fiscal year’s budget and by doing so, it would be voted on by the Town’s voters.**
* **Terry Tatro pointed out that neither the Town Clerk nor the Town Treasurer receives the generous benefit package that the Town offers therefore there is some discretionary funding in the budget.**
* **The Board members maintained that they would not be able to justify changing the salary of an elected officials and that the salary of any elected official is known before they become elected.**
1. **ADJOURN – At 9:10PM Alton Bruso motioned to adjourn – seconded by Guy Palardy – 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 12th, 2014.**