**MEETING MINUTES FOR 11/25/2014**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**

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

**GUESTS:** Ruth Wallman, Ray Allen, Leeann Porto, Bernard (Bing) Pero, Linda Gotshall, Terry Tatro, A.B.C. Group – Willie Burbank, Mike Lamphere, Patricia Breyette, Irene Clark, Mary Jane Cota, Dot Cota, Dale Costello

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:** Meeting called to order by Guy Palardy at 7:05

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):** No adjustments needed

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

* 11/11/2014 SELECTBOARD MEETING
  + Alton Bruso motioned to approve the minutes from 11/11/2014 as written – Steve Aubin seconded – all in favor – motion carried – minutes approved

**2. APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:** All invoices approved and signed – no overweight permits

**3. NEW BUSINESS / MISCELLANEOUS:**

* **Ruth Wallman –** Vice president - Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce
  + *Invitation to join us on December 9 for an Islands Summit to plan some great projects in the Islands* – an invitation was extended to the Board and any other interested parties to join the Island Summit on 12/09/2014
  + *Presentation on the Islands Center for Arts and Recreation which provides the annual Fireworks in Knight Point State Park as well as concerts and a car show –*Island Center for Arts and Recreation have been putting on a fireworks display at the State Park for 8-9 years and as fireworks are expensive and there is not a charge for people to watch them, they are asking if the Town of Alburgh would be willing to donate funds for this event. This event is on the Fourth of July as are Alburgh’s therefore it is not something that the Board felt they could contribute to.
  + *Presentation of Annual Report and request for appropriation* – The Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce is asking for an allocation of $1,000 in the next fiscal year events that will be taking place throughout the Islands
  + Ruth Wallman also spoke of the “Take a Seat in the Islands” project that was a success last year. They placed locally painted benches throughout the Islands and encouraged people to sit and relax. Next year it will be a different piece of furniture. She also talked about the start of a “wine trail” that starts at Steve Statas in Isle LaMotte and will continue down through the Islands.
* **Paul Fortin –** *Paul Fortin was not present – Clerk to remove from agenda*
* **ABC Group –** Skating rink at the Senior Center - A.B.C. Group – Requesting permission to put a skating rink at the park behind the Senior Center. Willie Burbank stated that the group has most of the materials or access to the materials that are needed to build the rink. There was some discussion about liability and who would carry the insurance on the rink. Clerk had contacted VLCT about insuring the rink if it was built. The response that was received was that if the Town insurance through VLCT/PACIF, the Town would have to maintain and manage the rink. There was some discussion about other towns that have rinks and how they manage the insurance. South Hero and Westford both have rinks and they have a recreation department that maintain their rinks. All present were in agreement that it is a good idea – the Board is agreeable to the idea of a rink but the logistics of the liability need to be figured out – *Mike Lamphere will contact Swanton to learn about the insurance they carry on their recreational activities. Clerk to contact Chris Leberge, from VLCT /PACIF to determine the best approach to insuring the rink*
* Ray Allen –
  + Several topics were discussed –
    - There were no major changes in incidents that the department responded to –
    - Ray Allen talked about the Special Investigation Unit that he is a member of
    - There was talk about search and rescue and the new U.A.V that was purchased to assist with search and rescue missions. Grand Isle County Sheriff’s Department is the first department in the state to have this tool.
    - There has been a decrease in the number of needles being found and we do not have the major heroin problems in this area that other areas seem to be facing.
    - The department is requesting more patrol hours for Alburgh. The hourly rate will not increase. If each town in the islands increases their hours by 5-8 per week, the department would be able to patrol on Sundays at least through the summer months.
    - Ray Allen informed the Board about the click it or ticket campaign that will be taking place.
    - Ray Allen suggested that the Board consider the basketball area of the school as a possible location for the skating rink.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Amy Erno Mashtare – Several topics**
* **The roof of the office** – Update from Amy Erno Mashtare *- Clerk to email Jim Honsinger about a quote for the work.*
* **The box of the trash compactor is rusty and full of holes –** **needs to be replaced** – *Update from the Board about the purchase of equipment –*The Board members that visited the site where Doug Medor has equipment for sale informed the other members of the condition of the equipment – Amy Erno Mashtare to get price quotes on similar equipment *– tabled until quotes are gathered for comparison*

**5. VISITOR INPUT:**

* **Linda Gotshall** – Linda was informed that her driveway would need a road name as there is now another home that has a driveway on it. She would like it to be called Ethan Lane. *Clerk to read sign ordinance and determine what steps need to be taken to name a road.*
* Bernard (Bing) Pero – several topics for discussion
  + Bing informed the Board that Ed Bosquet would like to trade a roll cage that is not being used by the town for 3 Jersey Barriers that could be used to contain the salt in the hut where it is stored – All Board members were in agreement that the trade was a good idea and gave Bing permission to make the trade.
  + Bing wanted to know if the Town crew was going to be responsible for salting the Village this year. He suggested that Paul Fortin be allowed to use the one ton truck after he was finished snow blowing and shoveling to salt the areas in the Village that required salting – All Board members were in agreement to this arrangement
  + There is a block with a blown head that is of no use to the Town – All Board members were in agreement that Bing attempt to sell it on line.

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

* No tabled topics to discuss

**7. ADJOURN –**

* *Bernard Savage motioned to adjourn at 8:55PM – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – 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 November 11th, 2014.**