**MEETING MINUTES FROM 02/24//2015**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Robert Creller (Chairman), Alton Bruso, Guy Palardy, Bernard Savage, Bernard Pero, Rodney James, William Duchaine, Donna Bohannon

**6PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION:** For the purpose of conducting evaluations of municipal employees 1 V.S.A. § 313(a) (3)

* Meeting called to order at 6:07pm by Chairman, Robert Creller
* At 6:07pm Alton Bruso motioned to enter into executive session for the purpose of conducting evaluations of Municipal employees 1 V.S.A. § 313(a) (3) – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor – motion carried – Board in executive session
* At 7:00pm Bernard Savage motioned to leave executive session – seconded by Guy Palardy – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of executive session
* *No action taken at this time – Board requests that employees attend the next Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 03/10/2015*

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:**

**PRESENT:** Robert Creller (Chairman), Alton Bruso, Guy Palardy, Bernard Savage, Steve Aubin arrived at 7:05pm, Donna Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Linda Gotshall**,** LeonardMartell, Leeann Porto, Amy Erno Mashtare

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

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

* 02/10/2015 SELECTBOARD MEETING – *Guy Palardy motioned to approve the minutes from the 02//10/2015 Selectboard meeting as written – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – minutes accepted*
* 02/17/2015 SPECIAL MEETING - *Guy Palardy motioned to approve the minutes from the 02//17/2015 Special meeting as written – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – minutes accepted*

1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:**

* All invoices approved and signed – All overweight permits approved and signed

**3. NEW BUSINESS / MISCELLANEOUS:**

* Amy Erno Mashtare – Several items for discussion
  + NRRA’s 34th Annual Conference and Expo – June 8th and 9th, 2015 in Manchester, NH. – **(Correction)** - ***This is not the training that Amy would like to attend – the training is a Vermont Organics Expo that will be held in Randolph on April 2nd – the cost of the Expo is going to be $50-*** *Steve Aubin motioned that Amy Erno Mashtare attend the training on April 2nd – Guy Palardy seconded – all in favor – motion carried*
  + Variable Rate Pricing – Amy handed out papers that explained variable rate pricing – On a request, Amy again explained the formula used to come up with the variable rate pricing as it would pertain to weight based charging. Amy stated again that when the Town changes to a scale, there will have to be an ordinance created and that it will need to be posted for 60 days. There was some discussion about the weight based pricing and the logistics of it. It is the consensus of all present that charging by the pound is the best option – Amy and the Board will work out all of the details as the project progresses
  + Amy has started to ship some of the recycling with Canusa. They do not charge for hauling which is going to make this the most profitable way to dispose of the recyclables.
* Derek Thuraiaiyah. – “Veggies for All” barrels – *Derek was not able to attend this meeting – Clerk to remove from agenda until further notice*

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

* Request from Mike Chrastina for a “no parking” sign at Poor Farm Rd.

and Route #2 – update from Alton Bruso – *Mr. Bruso spoke with Mr. Chrastina and they agreed that they would need to visit the site with some or all of the Selectboard. This will not happen until spring at the earliest – tabled until further notice*

**5. OLD BUSINESS:** *No old business at this time*

**6. VISITOR INPUT:**

* Leonard Martel seeking signatures on an Act 250 permit –
* Mr. Martell is planning on starting a rendering plant at his property on Martell Road. He explained to the Board what exactly he would be doing at this plant and the steps that he has taken so far.
* Mr. Martell stated that he has everything in place except one component of the process and he has contacts in place to make that part work as well.
* Mr. Martell explained in great detail what his plans for the next ten + years are and he talked to the Board about a new law that will be coming into effect that will make this a profitable business for him and will undoubtedly create a few to several jobs in Alburgh
* The Board agreed that this is a great time for him to start this project and were impressed with the steps that he has taken so far but they want him to have the final, very vital aspect that he is lacking, before they will sign the Act 250 permit for him
* *Clerk to add Leonard Martell – Act 250 to the March 10th agenda*
* Alton Bruso requested that the Clerk add closing off the West Shore Road for the 5K run that will take place on September 12th, 2015 – *Clerk to add road closure to the March 10th agenda*

**7. ADJOURN:** *At 8:30pm Guy Palardy motioned to adjourn – seconded by Steve Aubin - motion carried – all in favor – meeting adjourned*

Respectfully submitted,

Donna L. Bohannon

Alburgh Town Clerk

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 March10th, 2015.