**MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING**

**OF THE SELECTBOARD**

**03/18/2015**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Steve Aubin, Alton Bruso, Bernard Savage, Donna Bohannon Robert Creller arrived at 6:23pm

**GUESTS:** Bernard (Bing) Pero, Bob Lafont (Pike Industries)

**CALL TO ORDER – 6:00pm –** Chairman, Steve Aubin called the meeting to order at 6:24PM

**ADJUST THE AGENDA –** No adjustment necessary

**DISCUSSION OF BLACKTOPPING – TO PUT TO BID OR NOT –**

* There was some discussion about the blacktop jobs that will be taking place during the summer of 2015 in Alburgh. Border Rd., Boutah Rd., and East Alburgh Rd. will all be getting paved. The logistics of the type of blacktop, thickness of blacktop, how much of each road will be paved and the order in which the work will take place was also discussed.
* Bob Lafont presented a proposal to the Board. All members of the Board as well as Bing looked at the proposal. There were several questions about the logistics of the work such as thickness of the pavement and the material that would be used. Mr. Lafont then made some adjustments to the proposal based on the preference of the Board and the Road Foreman Bing.
* Bing also presented a proposal that he had received from Kubricky Construction Co. from New York. This proposal was substantially higher than the proposal from Pike Industries and was eliminated as a possibility.
* Bing also stated that there is a grant for the Boarder Rd. paving that will pay for 80% of the cost of the job.
* There was some discussion about scheduling the work and it was mentioned that it would be preferable to the Town if the work take place early in the year. Mr. Lafont stated that although Pike Industries does not have anything on their schedule at the moment, things will start to happen quickly with warmer weather coming.
* Robert Creller asked Mr. Lafont how long he would honor the proposal (quote) to which Mr. Lafont replied that he would like to get the work scheduled so the early completion can take place. He then said that if he would honor the quote until the end of March. He also reiterated that scheduling the job is based on a first come – first serve basis.
* There was more discussion pertaining to and early spot on the schedule and what order the work will take place. It was agreed that Border Rd. will be completed first, followed by Boutah Rd. and East Alburgh Rd. would be completed last.
* *Robert Creller motioned to accept the proposal from Pike Industries in the amount of $318,667.54 – Bernard Savage seconded – all in favor – motion carried.*
* *Robert Creller motioned that Chairman Aubin be called in to sign the proposal from Pike Industries once the agreed upon revisions had been made and proposal faxed to Clerk – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor – motion carried. Clerk to call Chairman when revised proposal comes in – Clerk to fax signed proposal back to Pike Industries.*

**OTHER BUSINESS AS NEEDED –**

* Clerk requested an executive session forthe purpose of attorney client correspondence pertaining to pending or probable litigation of which premature general public knowledge of would clearly place the Town at substantial disadvantage - 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)
* *At 7:04pm Bernard Savage motioned to enter into executive session for**the purpose of attorney client correspondence pertaining to pending or probable litigation – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Board in executive session*
* *At 7:12pm Robert Creller motioned to leave executive session – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of executive session.*
* *Robert Creller motioned that the Clerk notify Attorney Monaghan that the Board will ratify the settlement proposed by Attorney Monaghan – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Clerk to inform Attorney Monaghan about the decision to formally accept the settlement that was proposed.*
* There was some discussion that took place about the funeral for the fifth Selectman, Guy Palardy. The four remaining Board members wanted to formalize a plan for visiting the funeral home and attending the funeral as a unit.

**ADJOURN** *– At 7:30pm Alton Bruso motioned to adjourn – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.*