**MINUTES FROM 08/25/2015** **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Steve Aubin, Alton Bruso, Robert Creller, Bernard Savage, Linda Gotshall, Donna Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Megan Carpenter (WVNY/WFFF), Joseph Deyo, Kelly Deyo, Joanne Shedrick, Sandra Sturgeon, Lorraine Ryan, Laurie Shedrick, Mary Shedrick, Amy Mashtare, Leeann Porto, Windsor Weston, Janet Rothschild, Alan Bowser, Karen Steele, Patty Savage, Elodie Reed (St. Albans Messenger), Nicole Latimer, Dureen Weston, Tina Commo, Renee Murray Mary Jane Cota, Bill Gett, Doris Gaudette, Eulice Gaudette, Jennifer Reynells, Will Veve, Victor Veve, George McGrath, Terry Tatro, Tyler Gotshall

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman, Steve Aubin

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):** Chairman Aubin had two adjustments to the agenda.

* **Adjustment #1**: The addition of an executive session at the end of the meeting for a personnel issue at the Transfer Station
* **Adjustment #2**: Resignation request from the Board
  + ***Adjustment #2*** 
    - *Steve Aubin motioned that the in light of the events of the past several weeks, the Board ask for the voluntary resignation of Board member Bernard Savage – motion seconded by Alton Bruso – Four members in agreement – Board officially asked for a voluntary resignation*
    - Bernard replied that at this time he does not wish to resign.
    - There were no other Board comments – Bernard Savage will continue to serve on the Selectboard of Alburgh

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

* 08/11/2015 SELECTBOARD MEETING
  + Bobby Creller motioned to accept the minutes from 08/11/2015 as written – Alton Bruso seconded with one amendment – amendment is as follows
    - Alton stated that he would like the minutes from the 08/11/2015 meeting to show that Courtland Perry was not present at the meeting between the Town and SAFD#2 at West Shore Road. Paul Hansen was in contact with Courtland Perry via email and phone conversations.

1. **NEW BUSINESS / MISCELLANEOUS:**

* Solar proposal to the Town
  + Victor Veve and William Veve presented a proposal to the Board asking that they (the Board) vote to enter into negotiations with them pertaining to the possible development of a commercial scale Solar PV project at the Missile Base site which will in turn be used to provide energy to municipally owned buildings.
  + There was some discussion about the project, the time frame that they are working in and if this project would be of a direct benefit to the residents of the Town.
  + It was stated that the residents of the Town would not see a direct benefit but the project would create more tax revenue for the Town which would relieve the residents of some of that burden.
  + The time frame that they would like to have the project “up and running” is by December 31st, 2016 as this is when the Federal Tax Incentive of 30% ends. They would like the financial partners (Altus Power) to be able to take advantage of that tax break.
  + At this time they are simply asking the Board to agree to enter into negotiations with them so that they can ascertain if the Missile Base site is a feasible location for the project.
  + They also stated that there will not be any cost to the Town for this. They will be completely insured, they will pay for all testing that needs to be done and they will pay the Town attorney fees associated with this project.
  + *Steve Aubin motioned that the Board agree to enter into negotiations with Will and Victor Veve and that they be allowed to research if this project is feasible – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried*
* Legion Auxiliary – coin drop request (Columbus Day weekend)
  + Joanne Shedrick was present to represent the Legion Auxiliary to request that they be allowed to hold a coin drop on Saturday, October 10th.
    - *Alton Bruso motioned that the Legion auxiliary be allowed to hold a coin drop on Saturday, October 10th – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried.*
* Smoking a the Transfer Station
  + Chairman Aubin explained to all present that there had been a complaint about the employees smoking at the Transfer Station. Steve has addressed this with the employees and they have since created a smoking area and will only be allowed to smoke in this area and only on their breaks.

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

* 8th Grade class – coin drop request
  + Jen Reynells and her daughter were present to request that the 8th grade be allowed to hold a coin drop. They were hoping to request October 10th, the same date as the Legion auxiliary. It was explained to them that they would need to choose a different date and that it would be better if they could hold the coin drop in a location other than in front of Firehouse Rd. as this confuses people about who the coin drop is benefitting. There was some discussion about the number of coin drops that can be held in a year and the misconception that they are all to benefit the fire department. Linda Gotshall asked that the topic of coin drops be added to the next agenda so that the Board can discuss the number of coin drops that they will allow per year.
    - *Clerk to add coin drop discussion to the agenda for the 09/08/2015 meeting.*
    - *Eighth grade students will approach the Board after they choose a date and location.*

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Quote for windows at the Library –** update from Alton Bruso and Clerk
  + Alton Bruso received a quote from Window World in the amount of $2,625. This quote includes materials and labor.
  + Clerk received a quote from R.D Construction in the amount of $4,754.05. this also includes materials and labor.
    - *Alton Bruso motioned to award the bid to Window World for the replacement of the windows at the Library – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor – motion carried – Clerk to inform both parties of the decision*
* **Town and Village Sidewalk Agreement –** Update
  + The Selectboard reviewed the revised version that was received from the Town attorney and are in agreement that there is one additional change that they would like to see.
    - *Clerk to email Town attorney about the change – Board will review the revision before submitting to the Village.*
* **Sale of the Missile Base –** Is it going to be sold – update from Alton Bruso as to the status of hiring the Thomas Hirchack Company to auction the property
  + The Board agreed that this subject is irrelevant at the moment as they have voted to enter into negotiations with the Veve brothers pertaining to solar potential at the Missile Base site.

1. **VISITOR INPUT:**

* Tyler Gotshall – Tyler informed the Board that the E911 Board requires streets to have a suffix such as Rd., St., Ave., etc. he stated that there are several streets in Alburgh that do not have that I.e. Cleland North and Cleland South. He stated that the Board will need to choose a suffix from the list of choices that he presented to them.
  + *Alton Bruso motioned to use the suffix for road on both Cleland North and Cleland South. These will now be called to Cleland Road North and Cleland Road South – seconded by Linda Gotshall – all in favor – motion carried*
* Terry Tatro – Terry informed the Board that the Town plan would be expiring and would like the Boards permission to apply for a municipal planning grant. He stated that Northwest Regional Planning will write the grant that will help pay to have the new Town plan written.
  + *Bobby Creller motioned that Alburgh apply for a municipal planning grant – seconded by Bernard Savage – all in favor – motion carried*
* Joseph Deyo – Skipper asked the Board why they felt a need to ask Bernard to resign. He stated that he felt Bernard was doing a good job as a Selectman and that his personal life shouldn’t have an effect on that. Chairman Aubin explained that the Board asked him to resign because they felt that the media coverage of the situation was a distraction. They also felt that this was an issue that needed to be addressed and then put to rest. They do not want to continue to address this issue.

1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:**
2. ***Adjustment #1 – Executive session for the purpose of discussing a pending or probable civil litigation or a prosecution, to which the public body is or may be a party 1 V.S.A. § 313(b).***

* *At 8:25pm Steve Aubin motioned that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue that pertaining to a Transfer Station employee – seconded by Bobby Creller – Amy Erno Mashtare was invited to attend the executive session – all in favor – motion carried – Board in executive session.*
* *At 8:46pm Bobby Creller motioned to leave executive session – seconded by Steve Aubin – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of executive session.*
* ***No action taken***

1. **ADJOURN:**
   * *At 8:49pm Linda Gotshall motioned to adjourn- seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried – 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 September 8th, 2015.