**MEETING MINUTES FROM 09/08/2015**

**SELECTBOARD MEETING**

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

**GUESTS:** Joan Krizer, Tim Cota (Cota Propane), Leeann Porto, George Boutah, Terry Tatro

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:**

* *Meeting called to order at 7:04pm by Chairman, Steve Aubin*

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):**

* One adjustment needed – Joan Krizer was present to make the Selectboard aware of an issue that involves a large number of cats that are going to need to be taken care of. The people that have been feeding them have passed away and the number of cats is substantial. Joan felt she needed to make the Board aware of the situation and ask them for any assistance that the Town can offer.
* Linda Gotshall requested that Joan keep track of her expenses in dealing with this situation so that she can be reimbursed for them.
* *Clerk to contact Humane Societies and other organizations to ask for advice and assistance.*

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

* 08/28/2015 SELECTBOARD MEETING
* The correct date of the previous meeting was 08/25/2015 NOT 08/28/2015
* *Alton Bruso motioned to accept the minutes from 08/25/2015 as written with the corrected date – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried*

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

* **Tim Cota (Cotaville Propane) request –**
* Tim was present and inquired about a parcel of land that is owned by the Town of Alburgh. He is attempting to find a temporary location to park a tanker truck that would be used as a filling station for the smaller trucks. He wanted to know if the land in South Alburgh that is owned by the Town is less than an acre and if so, would the Town consider leasing this land to him for that purpose. There was some discussion about liability and insurance. Tim stated that he carries a five million dollar policy himself. – *Clerk to check with VLCT about the insurance and the liability that this would be for the Town if this was a possibility.*

1. **NEW BUSINESS / MISCELLANEOUS:**

* **Coin drops –** How many should be allowed
  + Clerk informed the Board that the only mandate in State statute is the following “No solicitations on the roadway may be done by any person under 16 years of age.” 23 V.S.A. § 1056
  + Clerk also presented a copy of a coin drop application from another Town that might be beneficial for Alburgh to adopt as well as a coin drop ordinance from another Town that might be beneficial for Alburgh to adopt. – The Board members felt that a standardized application for coin drops was a good idea but did not feel that an ordinance was necessary.
  + *Clerk to revise coin drop application to represent Alburgh – Tabled until next meeting currently scheduled for 22 September 2015.*

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**

* **Town and Village Sidewalk Agreement –** Update
  + The Selectboard had been given a copy of the agreement that the Town attorney made alterations to.
  + *Linda Gotshall motioned to accept the agreement as written and that it be presented to the Village Trustees – seconded by Bobby Creller – 3 in favor – 1 opposed – motion carried*
* **New York Life –** Agreement form should Board choose this option
  + There was some discussion about the possibility of including New York Life insurance as an option for employees. There would not be any cost associated with this for the Town as the employees pay out of pocket for this plan if they choose to sign up.
  + Alton Bruso stated that he will discuss this with the Highway department to determine if they are interested in this.
* **Planning Commission –** Discussion of Board member appointment
  + The Selectboard appointed four people to join the planning commission. The four people that were appointed are; Leeann Porto, Brian Tjelta, Bernard Savage and Beth Savage. There were other letters of interest submitted – they will be retained for any future vacancies on the Board.

1. **VISITOR INPUT:** 
   * **Leeann Porto –**

* Leeann asked who takes care of the weeds around the utility poles as they are growing up around the poles in front of her home.
* It was suggested by the Board that if the utility company did not take care of the weeds and tall grass that it would be the responsibility of the landowner.
* Leeann also wanted to know who was responsible for trimming the ditches along West Shore Rd. She wanted to express that whoever did this time did a good job and she wanted that person or people to know that.
  + **Alton Bruso –**
* Signs for “High Risk Roads” – Alton met with Bethany Remmers about the signage that is being proposed for various Greenwoods Road intersections through the “High Risk Roads” project.
* Clerk made copies of information for all Board members to review.
* *Tabled until next meeting currently scheduled for 22 September 2015.*
  + **Terry Tatro –**
* Terry requested permission to hire an attorney for tax sales if the current owners of the properties did not respond to him. Part of this process is that the Town would bid on the properties if there were no other bids. He would want to start proceedings by the end of the month if needed, it would be about two months before the properties went to tax sale.
* *Steve Aubin motioned to allow Terry Tatro to go forward with the proceedings for tax sales of the properties as he needs. He can hire an attorney and do what he needs to do to hold a tax sale when needed – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried.*

1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:** 
   * All invoiceswere signed – no overweight permits to be signed
2. **ADJOURN:**
   * *Bobby Creller motioned to adjourn at 8:20PM – seconded by Alton Bruso – 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 22nd, 2015.