**MINUTES FROM 11/24/2015** **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Steve Aubin, Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Linda Gotshall, Lee Kimball, Donna Bohannon - Clerk

**GUESTS:** Jan Marinelli (Executive Director Lake Champlain Economic Development Corporation), Terry Tatro, Corinne Russin (8th grade representative), Cheryl Wells (8th grade representative), James Ross (Alburgh School Principal), Amy Erno Mashtare, Darwin Cameron

**ADJOURN FROM THE MEETING OF 11/10/2015:** *At 7:03PM Steve motioned to adjourn from the 11/10/2015 meeting – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned*

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:** *At 7:03PM Chairman Steve Aubin opened the meeting.*

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

* 3 adjustments needed
  + Representatives of the 8th grade class present to request a coin drop
  + Approval of 2 additional sets of minutes
  + Executive Session

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

* 11/10/2015 SELECTBOARD MEETING
* 11/12/2015 EMERGENCY MEETING *(adjustment)*
* 11/19/2015 APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER MEETING *(adjustment)*
  + *Bobby Creller motioned to accept all three sets of minutes as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – all minutes accepted*

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   * **Cheryl Wells, Corinne Russin and Principal Ross were present to request a coin drop for the eighth grade class.** *(adjustment)*
     + The requested date is Saturday, November 28th and the coin drop will be held in front of the school not in front of the Municipal Building.
     + Jim Ross informed the Board that the school is once again coordinating the eighth grade class trip and it will be educational as well as fun.
     + Everything is in place, they only need approval from the Board and a signature from the Chairman.
     + *Alton Bruso motioned to approve the coin drop for Saturday, November 28th – seconded by Bobby Creller – 4 members were in agreement – Linda Gotshall abstained.*
   * **Jan Marinelli (Executive director Lake Champlain Economic Development Corporation)** 
     + Jan is the new Executive director Lake Champlain Economic Development Corporation and wanted to introduce herself to the Selectboard
     + The Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation (LCIEDC) is the Island resource for doing business in Grand Isle County.
     + Jan would like to get ideas from the Board for was that she can help Alburgh businesses grow and for Alburgh to become a thriving community.
     + LCIEDC will be hosting a business expo in February and would like to extend the invitation to Alburgh businesses.
     + LCIEDC is not the Chamber of Commerce, they are their own entity but they work with the Chamber.
     + Any way that she can help Alburgh, she will.
   * **Budget discussions –** When will they begin?
     + Budget talks will begin in December
2. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   * **Bethany Remmers –** Streetscape – update
     + Bethany wasunable to attend – tabled until further notice.
   * **VWSD –** Update – Sign the 45 day waiver?
     + The Town attorney and Will Veve are still discussing final details of the Option to Lease agreement. As they come to an agreement this will be discussed further. Tabled until further notice.
   * **Concerns about the Transfer Station –** 
     + One resident was concerned because they had gone to the Transfer Station, weighed their bags and paid for their trash. The person that was next in line didn’t weigh their trash.
     + Amy Erno Mashtare stated the she believes the incident was one that involved a member of the Islands in the Sun Senior Center (they are a municipally owned building and the trash is disposed of free of charge).
     + Another resident was upset because they had several bags of trash and each was weighed individually. Each bag didn’t weigh very much but they were charged per weight range for each bag. They requested a refund of the difference between the costs of each individual bag as opposed to the combined weight of all the bags.
     + The price per pound amount is most likely going to be between 16 cents and 18 cents per pound.
     + Amy informed the Board that the compactor that was purchased in the spring is not operational because there isn’t enough power at the Transfer Station. It kicks the breaker off when turned on, even if the can is empty.
     + *Clerk to contact Vermont Electric Coop to schedule a time that a representative can visit the site with the members of the Board to determine what needs to be done to bring more power to the Transfer Station.*
3. **TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS:**
   * **Bob Cosgrove –** Water flooding his property
     + Alton, Steve and Bernard Pero (Bing) visited the site with Mr. Cosgrove and determined that the problem was not a result of the Town’s activities.
     + *Alton Bruso motioned that the Town NOT do any work on the ditches on Mr. Cosgrove’s property – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried*
   * **Rent for SAFD#2 –** Is the Town going to charge them rent?
     + Clerk informed the Board that the Village pays $3,600 per year in rent to the Town. That includes use of paper, lights, internet, and the other usual bills that are associated with rent.
     + The Board would like to have some idea of how much of the Town supplies SAFD#2 uses. Alton Bruso will talk with the SAFD#2 Clerk to determine that information.
     + Tabled until further notice
   * **VEMERS Retirement insurance –** Past amount due.
     + Alton Bruso quoted the statute from title 24 chapter 125 5053(b) that states “*Any employee who is hired subsequent to the effective date of participation of his or her employer* ***shall*** *become a member of the System on the date the employee is hired.”*
     + The word shall indicates that enrollment in VEMERS is not optional.
     + There were still questions about whether or not it is mandatory for Towns and their employees to pay the arrears if they were not signed up upon hiring.
     + *Alton Bruso will go to the VEMERS office to find out if the employees in question can enroll beginning currently or if it is mandatory that they be enrolled from date of hire.*
     + *Lee Kimball with coordinate with Alton Bruso and visit the VEMERS office with him.*
4. **VISITOR INPUT:** 
   * Terry Tatro informed the Board that the county budget meeting will be on December 10th to begin at 6PM. It will be held at the Courthouse in North Hero and representation from Alburgh would be beneficial to the Town.
5. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:**

* + No overweight permits – all invoices approved and signed.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** (adjustment)
   * *At 9:02PM Lee Kimball motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose for the purpose of discussing conditions of employment for an employee at the Transfer Station – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Board in Executive Session.*
   * *At 9:16PM Bobby Creller motioned to leave Executive Session – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of Executive Session*
   * ***No action taken***
2. **ADJOURN:**
   * *At 9:18PM Linda Gotshall motioned to adjourn – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried – Board 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 December 8thth , 2015.