**MINUTES FROM 02/09/2016** **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman, Steve Aubin, Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

**GUESTS:** Terry A. Tatro, Tyler Gotshall, Chuck Pease, Leeann Porto

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 7:02pm by Chairman, Steve Aubin

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

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

* 01/25/2016 BUDGET MEETING
  + *Bobby Creller motioned to approve the minutes from 01/25/2016 Budget meeting as written – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried*
* 01/26/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING
  + *Bobby Creller motioned to approve the minutes from 01/26/2016 Selectboard meeting as written – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried*

1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
   * **S.A.F.D.#2 –** Selectboard to appoint to the Prudential Board

* Information from the February VLCT newsletter indicated that if there becomes a vacancy on a Fire Districts’ Prudential Board, it is the responsibility of the Selectboard of the Town to fill that vacancy 20 V.S.A. § 2485.
* There is a vacancy on the Prudential Board for S.A.F.D. #2. Is this something that the Selectboard will address?
* There were not any S.A.F.D. #2 Prudential Committee members present to discuss this.
* Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for 02/23/2016. It would be beneficial to have S.A.F.D. #2 Prudential Committee members present.
  + **Separate checking for three main accounts** – recommendation
    - The Auditors and the Treasurer feel it would be beneficial and more transparent if there were separate checking accounts for the three major funds; General, Highway and Transfer Station.
    - The General Fund and the Transfer Station have separate accounts, a new account for the Highway Department would have to be established.
    - There was some discussion on the time frame for implementing this. It was suggested that it start with the new fiscal year (July 1, 2016).
    - Clerk to speak with auditors for their input.
  + **Form a committee for Transfer Station alternatives -** 
    - Amy Erno Mashtare would like to be a part of the committee.
    - It was determined that the Committee will be made of five members.
    - Selectboard will appoint the members at the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 02/23/2016.
    - Clerk will advertise for interested parties.

1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
   * **Streetscape –** Update
     + Signatures have been received from property owners at 14 South Main Street, two of the three parties at 2 North Main Street, and the Town attorney informed that the property owners at 10 North Main Street have also signed their easement and he will be sending that to the Town.
     + Clerk will contact the Town attorney and Bethany Remmers to talk about taking 1 South Main Street and 11 South Main Street properties by eminent domain.
     + Clerk will contact the Town attorney about getting signatures from the property owners at 4a-d North Main Street.
   * **Eleanor Billings water issue –** Board update
     + The property has been visited by some of the Selectboard members as well as the Road Foreman and it was determined that the issue with her leach field is not caused by the work that Munson Earth Movers had done.
     + It was also determined that there were some “high spots” in her yard that were caused by the work done by Munson Earth Movers.
     + *Alton Bruso motioned that the Town highway crew level out in the high spots in the spring when they are able – seconded by bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried.*
     + Clerk will send a letter to Eleanor Billings explaining the decision.
   * **T.N.T drug testing –** Change to smaller pool?
     + Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 02/23/2016.
2. **TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS:**
   * No tabled topics
3. **VISITOR INPUT:** 
   * **Tyler Gotshall – 911 update**

* + - Tyler met with the representative from the 911 Board who made some recommendations for Alburgh.
    - The representative from the 911 Board suggested that Mumley Road be eliminated because it is part of Wood Lane. There are not two separate roads but it was labeled as two different roads.
    - Tyler sent letters to all of the residents on Mumley Road explaining this to them and giving them a chance to respond. There was one letter of complaint returned.
    - Tyler will respond to the letter.
    - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 02/23/2016.
    - The representative also suggested that Mott Street, Mott Farm Road and Mott Street South be changed.
    - The recommendation was that Mott Farm Road be changed to Mott Street and that the other two be changes to be Mott Street North and Mott Street South.
    - Tyler informed all present that letters have been sent to the residents of Firehouse Road and Kirk & Fitts as these are the next two roads that will be undergoing a change in numbering.
    - It was also recommended that the Town/ Village offices be labeled as (possibly) 11 North Main Street Suite #1 and Suite #2.
  + **Tyler Gotshall – resident / nonresident per pound fee for garbage**
    - Tyler informed the Board that he was concerned that nonresidents of   
      Alburgh were charged the same per pound fee as residents.
    - He spoke with a representative from the Northwest Solid Waste District to determine whether or not nonresidents can be charged more.
    - He was told that since Alburgh runs their own Transfer Station and it is not owned by the District, Alburgh can charge a higher fee to nonresidents of Alburgh.
    - There was some discussion about how this would be implemented (resident stickers, etc.).
    - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 02/23/2016.

1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:** 
   * All invoices approved and signed.
2. **ADJOURN:**
   * *At 8:26pm Alton Bruso 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 February 23rd, 2016.**