**MINUTES FROM 04/26/2016** **SELECTBOARD MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Tyler Gotshall– Chairman, Robert Creller, Alton Bruso, Lee Kimball, Chuck Pease, Donna L. Bohannon - Clerk

**GUESTS:** Vickie Brown (Vermont Electric Coop.), Isaac Gillen (Vermont Electric Coop.), Chad Farrell (Encore Renewable Energy), Terry Tatro, Linda Gotshall

**7PM - OPEN MEETING:** Meeting called to order at 7:10 by Alton Bruso

**ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed):** Two adjustments needed –

#1 –Lawn mowing bids must be opened.

#2 Various paperwork needing signatures.

1. **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**
* 04/12/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING
	+ *Bobby Creller motioned to accept the minutes from 04/12/2016 meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried*
1. **NEW BUSINESS:**
	* **Vermont Electric Coop. –** Update on Solar Project near Dump Road
		+ Vickie Brown began by introducing herself, Isaac Gillen and Chad Farrell to the Board. The purpose of their visit was to give an update on the progress of the solar project at the corner of Route #78 and Dump Road.
		+ Vickie informed the Board that VEC has partnered with Encore Renewable Energy to make this project a success. There is a certificate of public good in place
		+ Chad Farrell from Encore Renewable Energy explained that ground breaking was going to begin in a few weeks to a month and that the project should be completed by the end of August. He explained that it is going to be a fixed panel array so there would be very little need for servicing the panels. There will be some vegetation planted to soften the visual impact that the panels will have on travelers.
		+ VEC and Encore would like to have access to the land for deliveries via Dump Road. There will be 12-18 tractor trailer trucks delivering the various pieces of the array and they would like for them to be able to get off the Road. There will also be installers that will need to park their vehicles. There was no motion made but the Board members agreed that access to the property via Dump Road was acceptable.
		+ This is a net metered project which means that anyone that has power supplied by VEC can buy a panel regardless of where they live. The power that is generated will be fed back into the grid for VEC to supply their customers.
		+ It is estimated that this project will be completed by sometime in August.
	* **Devin Cameron –** Hunting / fishing / camping at Mud Creekon Town Land –
		+ Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for May 10th, 2016.
* **Trash Hauling Bids –** Send to hauling companies?
* There was some discussion about how the Board wanted to advertise the hauling bid.
* It was decided that the bid request would appear in the St. Albans Messenger, the Press Republican and the Islander. It will also be sent to several hauling companies in the area.
* The Transfer Station committee is weighing other options for the future such as the purchase of a truck that has the capability to haul the trash so that the task can be accomplished by the Town.
1. **OLD BUSINESS:**
* **Willie Burbank for A.B.C –** Skating rink concrete – Yah or Nah / discussion
	+ There was not a representative from A.B.C. present –
	+ The members of the Board are not opposed to leaving the rink up but would like it in a different spot.
	+ The Board would like to schedule a meeting with A.B.C. to discuss a better location for the rink.
	+ Clerk to arrange a time that the two groups can meet.
1. **TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS**
	* **T.N.T drug testing –** Change to smaller pool? – update
		+ Tabled until the next regular Selectboard meeting currently scheduled for May 10th, 2016.
2. **VISITOR INPUT:** Adjustments were addressed at this time –

**#1 –** Lawn Mowing bids were opened – Chairman Gotshall read the bids

* Wright Cut and Clean – bid amount - $145 per mowing – a one-time fee $150 for “spring cleanup” with and optional “fall clean up” with a one-time fee of $175 if the Town chooses.
* Rogie’s Property Maintenance Services – bid amount - $380 per week.
* *Lee Kimball motioned to award the 2016 season lawn mowing bid to Wright Cut and Clean – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried -*
	+ Paperwork needing signatures –
		- *Alton Bruso motioned that Tyler Gotshall sign the paperwork updating the alarm system contact (Tyler Gotshall is the contact) – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried – Chairman Gotshall signed the paperwork.*
		- *Bobby Creller motioned the Tyler Gotshall sign the paperwork approving the Fire Auxiliary coin drop to be held on My 29th – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – Chairman Gotshall signed the paperwork.*
		- *Alton Bruso motioned that Tyler Gotshall sign the paperwork authorizing the road closure for the fourth of July parade – Chuck Pease seconded – all in favor – motion carried - Chairman Gotshall signed the paperwork.*
		- *Bobby Creller motioned that all five Selectboard members sign the bank paperwork to update authorized signers and that all five members be authorized signers – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – all five Selectboard members signed.*
	+ Lee Kimball informed the Board that he has received a complaint from Leo Henry about pile so “junk” on a neighbor’s property. Lee stated that he had been to the site and that it was not a health issue as there was not any standing water or household garbage. It was piles of scrap metal that was stacked neatly. He was concerned about how close to the road it is but did not feel that it was a health concern. The members of the Board will visit the site to investigate the complaint. This will be added to the next agenda currently scheduled for May 10th, 2016.
	+ Terry Tatro wanted to make the Board aware that Local Emergency Operations Plan will need to be approved by the entire Board and signed by the Chairman. He provided them all with a copy for their review and added to the next agenda currently scheduled for May 10th, 2016.
1. **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:**
	* All overweight permits and invoices approved and signed
2. **ADJOURN:**
	* *At 9.25pm Bobby Creller motioned to adjourn – seconded by Lee Kimball – 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 10 May, 2016.**