

MINUTES FROM 05/24/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman, Tyler Gotshall, Robert Creller, Lee Kimball, Chuck Pease, Alton Brusco arrived at 8:55pm, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

GUESTS: Town attorney David Rugh via phone, Legislative candidate Ben Joseph, Principal Jim Ross, Myrick Bourgeois, Dorothy Campbell, William Phelps, Sara Park, Jay Churchill, Willie Burbank, Mike Lamphere, Renee Creller, Leeann Porto, Linda Gotshall, Carol Behrman, Darwin Cameron

7PM - OPEN MEETING:

- Chairman Tyler Gotshall called the meeting to order at 7pm

1. ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed): 3 ADJUSTMENTS NEEDED

- #1 Visitor input moved to the beginning of agenda
- #2 Hauling bids to be opened
- #3 Possible Executive Session at the end.

2. Executive Session - - to discuss contracts of the confidential negotiations of the Net Metering Agreement and real estate lease options that would clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage per 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(A)).

- *At 7:10pm Tyler Gotshall motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss contracts of the confidential negotiations of the Net Metering Agreement and real estate lease options that would clearly place the Town at a substantial*

disadvantage per 1 V.S.A. §313(a)(1)(A) – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Board in Executive Session.

- *At 7:20pm Bobby Creller motioned to leave Executive Session – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of Executive Session – Attorney Rugh left the meeting*
- *No action taken – public invited back into the meeting*

3. VISITOR INPUT: Adjustment #1 – Visitor input moved

- **Multiple dog complaints about dogs on Lake Street**
 - *Two residents that live on Lake Street filed complaints about dogs at 121 (old #13) Lake Street that have attacked them and chase them when they are out walking or riding bike.*
 - *These people do not feel safe walking or biking on Lake Street because of these dogs.*
 - *Bobby Creller motioned that a letter and a copy of the dog ordinance be sent to the residents of 121 Lake Street. The letter will state that the owners of the dogs have five days from receipt of letter to register the dogs in Alburgh or the dogs will be impounded and the owners will be fined – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried – Clerk to draft and send certified letter to 121 Lake Street – Joan Krizer will also receive a copy of the letter.*
- *William Phelps would like to get a fireworks permit from Tyler – Tyler will provide him with the paperwork at the end of the meeting.*

- Carol Behrman explained to the Selectboard that the Planning Commission is made up of nine people and that several of the nine rarely if ever attend meetings which makes it impossible for the Board to vote on anything. Carol has requested that the Selectboard either change the number of Planning Board members or that they ask the three members that are not available for meetings to resign.
- Bobby Creller recognized that he is one of the members that rarely attends meetings and voluntarily resigned.
- Renee Creller stated that she will take his place if the Board would appoint her to the position.
- *Lee Kimball motioned that the Selectboard accept the resignation of Robert Creller Jr. and appoint Renee Creller to the Planning Board, effective immediately – seconded by Tyler Gotshall – all in favor – motion carried*
- Jim Ross stated that he would be interested in being a member of the Planning Commission. Others have shown an interest as well.
- *Chuck Pease motioned that a letter be sent to Jeff Medor and Robert Gaudette asking for their voluntary resignation so that the positions can be filled by other interested parties – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Clerk to send letters to Robert Gaudette and Jeff Medor asking for their voluntary resignation.*
- Darwin Cameron wanted to know who owned Middle Road. He was told that it is part of the Palardy farm and that the Town rents it from the Palardy's. He

is concerned that because the ditches are being filled in, the Road will be in jeopardy.

- Lee Kimball will inform the Road Commissioner (Alton Brusio) and the Road Foremen (Bing Pero) about what is going on and ask them if they will assess the situation. Results or findings will be discussed at the next regular meeting currently scheduled for June 14th, 2016.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Ben Joseph** – Legislative candidate
 - **This took place before Executive Session**
 - Mr. Joseph introduced himself to all present as a past trial judge, a North Hero resident as well as a Selectman and Town Moderator for North Hero.
 - His goal in attending was to introduce himself and inform residents that he would like to bring more resources to the Islands.
- **Renee Creller** – GRACE afterschool funds
 - Renee would like to know if the money that was allocated for the GRACE afterschool program have been dispersed to the program. She is requesting the funds be released to the afterschool program at the elementary school for use by the garden club.
 - *Lee Kimball motioned that the GRACE afterschool appropriation funds of \$2,500 be released to the Alburgh elementary after school program to be used by the garden club – seconded by Bobby Creller –*

all in favor – motion carried – Treasurer to appropriate money to the afterschool program.

➤ **Sara Jerry Park** – Speeding on Boutah Road

- Sara requested that the Town install “Children at Play” or “Bus Stop Ahead” signs on Boutah Road on both sides of Fox Hill Rd.
- She explained that there is a bus stop at the intersection of Fox Hill Rd and Boutah Rd that cannot easily be seen from either direction. There are many vehicles that drive too fast and erratically on Boutah Road and she as well as other residents of that area are concerned for safety.
- There was some discussion about asking the sheriff’s department to patrol Boutah Road more frequently. Chairman Tyler Gotshall will speak with Sheriff Ray Allen and ask for more patrol of Boutah Road.
- *Chuck Pease motioned that the Town purchase two (2) “Bus Stop Ahead” signs and install them on Boutah Road, one before and one after Fox Hill Road / Boutah Road intersection – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried.*

➤ **Clarence Dumont** – Request to have speed limit lowered on Vantine Ave.

- Requestor not present – Tabled until further notice.

➤ **Cheryl Wells** – Coin Drop request

- Principal Jim Ross was present in place of Cheryl Wells – Mr. Ross asked that the Board consider allowing the school to host one coin drop in the fall of each year. There was some discussion about this –

none of the Selectboard are opposed to the idea. They would like to receive an application for the requested date from the school.

➤ **Dog issue** - Pedestrian was knocked down by dog at 15 South Main St.

- A complaint about a dog at 15 South Main Street was filed at the Town Clerks Office, stating that a dog knocked down a pedestrian because the leash was long enough to give the dog access to the sidewalk. the complainants were not only concerned for themselves, they were also concerned for the safety of the dog.
- *Lee Kimball motioned that a letter and a copy of the dog ordinance be sent to the owner of 15 South Main Street The letter will state that the owner of the dog has five days from receipt of letter to register the dog in Alburgh or the dog will be impounded and the owners will be fined – it will also state that the leash of the dog be shortened to a length that will not allow the dog to reach the sidewalk– seconded by Tyler Gotshall – all in favor – motion carried – Clerk to draft and send certified letter to 15 South Main Street – Joan Krizer will also receive a copy of the letter.*
- Chairman Gotshall requested that the Clerk submit a letter to the Islander explaining that starting immediately, the Dog Ordinance is going to be strictly enforced. Lee Kimball suggested that it also be included on Front Porch Forum. – Clerk to draft a letter to be submitted to the Islander and Front Porch Forum.

➤ **Adjustment #2 – Hauling bid opened at this time**

- There was one submission from Helm Salvage and Trucking – Chairman Gotshall opened and read the bid. The amount of the bid was \$585 per load. This was the only bid received – there was not proof of insurance with the bid – this was a requirement of the bidding process.
- More discussion is needed on this topic – no decision was made – topic tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 06/14/2016.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- **Willie Burbank for A.B.C** – Skating rink concrete – Options discussion
 - There was some discussion about the placement of the rink. The proposed location will need to be graded and leveled. There was some concern about the cost of doing this as the currently location was already done. All five of the Selectman feel that Town employees will be able to assist with the process. Alton and Lee will talk to Bing about assisting with the move.
 - Tabled until further notice.

6. TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS

- **Devin Cameron** – Hunting / fishing / camping at Mud Creek on Town Land –
 - Darwin feels that this issue has already been addressed – Clerk to remove it from agenda.
- **T.N.T drug testing** – Change to smaller pool? – update

- Tabled until further notice.

7. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

➤ 05/10/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING

- *Bobby Creller motioned to accept the minutes from 05/10/2016 Selectboard meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried - minutes accepted*

➤ 05/12/2016 SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

- *Bobby Creller motioned to accept the minutes from 05/12/2016 Special meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried - minutes accepted*

➤ 05/18/2016 SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING

- *Bobby Creller motioned to accept the minutes from 05/18/2016 Special meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – minutes accepted*

8. APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:

- All overweight permits approved and accepted.
- All invoices approved and accepted.

9. ADJOURN:

- *At 9:35pm 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 14 June, 2016.