

MINUTES FROM 06/14/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman, Tyler Gotshall, Robert Creller, Chuck Pease, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

GUESTS: Terry Tatro, Kyle Tatro, Jed Ladd, Tom Dupre, Darwin Cameron

7PM - OPEN MEETING: At 7:03pm Chairman Gotshall called the meeting to order

1. ADJUST THE AGENDA (if needed): One adjustment needed

- #1 Chairman Gotshall informed all present that a special meeting will be needed next week for the Town attorney to present a possible agreement with VWSD for the solar project at the Missile Base

2. VISITOR INPUT:

- Jed Ladd requested that the Board vote to install two “cattle crossing” signs before and after his farm on Alburgh Springs Road.
 - *Chuck Pease motioned that 2 (two) signs that would read “cattle crossing ahead” be purchased and installed by the Town of Alburgh – seconded by Bobby Creller – all in favor – motion carried.*
 - Bing Pero will purchase the signs and work with Jed on best placement.
- Jed is also requesting that the Board consider lowering the speed limit to 35 miles per hour on Alburgh Springs Road. He stated that there is not a shoulder on that road and it is dangerous for people that are walking or riding bicycle.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting when all five Board members are present, currently scheduled for 06/228/2016.

- Tom Dupre asked the Board if they would review the dog ordinance and asked if they would consider either lowering the fine or giving a warning for the first offense. He believes that a \$75 fine for the first offense is too high. He would like the Board to look at and revise the dog ordinance.
 - The Board will begin to review the dog ordinance at the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 06/28/2016.

- Kyle Tatro requested that he be able to cash his paycheck a day early. He informed the Board of the reason for the request and explained that it would be one time only.
 - *Bobby Creller motioned that Kyle Tatro be given his paycheck and that he be allowed to cash it a day early for this one paycheck only – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried.*
 - Clerk/Treasurer gave Kyle Tatro his paycheck.

- Lee Kimball requested that the Clerk speak to the other Board members in his absence about the solar project that will be happening on Dump Road. He would like the Board to consider asking VEC if, when they move the existing well, they would consider placing at the corner of the land closest to the Transfer Station so that in the future, water can be brought to the Transfer Station.
 - Tyler Gotshall will talk to Bill Johnson about this project to determine who this request would need to be brought to.

- The Clerk presented a two year quote from Repro Graphics for the Town reports. This is the company that has been used for several of the past years.

The quote is for 850 copies. The Clerk informed the Board that there are usually about 100 copies left and that they end up getting recycled.

- The Board requested that the Clerk get a new quote from Repro for 750 copies.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting when all five Board members are present, currently scheduled for 06/228/2016.
- VTRANS sent the paperwork for the “High Risk Rural Roads” project. Signatures are needed on for the sign upgrades for Greenwoods Road and also a signature on a right of way form that will allow VTRANS to upgrade the signs on Truck Route.
- Tabled until the next regular meeting when all five Board members are present, currently scheduled for 06/228/2016.
- The hauling bid for garbage was not granted to a hauler, which leaves the Town in a position that needs to be remedied. The previous contract with Rodem is due to end on 06/30/2016, which will leave Alburgh without a means of hauling the trash to constable NY.
- There was discussion about Rodem continuing to haul for the Town on a month to month basis.
- Alton Brusco will talk to the owners of Rodem about extending our contract on a month to month basis.
- Tabled until the Special Meeting that will take place on 06/22/2016.
- Adjustment #1 – Chairman Gotshall requested that the Board hold a special meeting per the request of Town Attorney, David Rugh.

- The Board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, June 22nd that will begin at 6:30pm.
 - The Board will meet in Executive Session to hear the newest proposal from VWDS. After the Executive Session the Board will make a decision on the proposal.
 - Other items will also be discussed at this meeting.
- Chairman Gotshall stated that he spoke with Sheriff Allen about the speeding on Boutah Road and asked if speed bumps could be placed in that area. Sheriff Allen suggested that the Town NOT install speed bumps as they are a liability to the Town if someone is in an accident because of them.
- Chairman Gotshall asked that a review for Kyle Tatro be added to the agenda for the 06/28/2016 meeting. Clerk will add this to the agenda for the 06/28/2016 meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS:

- **Animal Control issues / questions -**
- Tom Dupre started the discussion previously. Clerk requested that the Board try to come up with a plan or hire a person to enforce the Town ordinances as they are not well enforced at this time.
 - There was some discussion about the Sheriff's Department enforcing the ordinances or other possible methods of enforcing them.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting when all five Board members are present, currently scheduled for 06/228/2016.

- Ordinance reviews will begin at the next regular meeting when all five Board members are present, currently scheduled for 06/228/2016. The Dog Ordinance will be reviewed first as it is the one that gets the most attention.

➤ **Middle Road issue –**

- This was an update to let the Board know that it was investigated and the Road Foreman stated that there is drainage tile in the ditches which will help disperse the flow of the water.
- There was some discussion about sending a letter to the owner stating that if there is a drainage issue in the future, the Town will hold them accountable. No motion was made to send a letter

➤ **Village garbage – Free? –**

- It has been brought to the attention of the Clerk that the Village has been receiving free trash removal at the Transfer Station. Has this been voted on in the past / is this acceptable to the Board?
- Tabled until the next regular meeting when all five Board members are present, currently scheduled for 06/228/2016.

➤ **Ordinance to clean up Main St? –**

- A complaint was received about the skating rink in the Park. The complainant claimed that there are wires around the outside of the rink, beer cans in the rink and that the liner is filled with standing water.

- There was some discussion about whether or not the wires should be in conduit and also about the move that is going to take place with the rink.
- Clerk will talk to Willie Burbank of the ABC Group to ask that the liner be removed, the power to the wires be turned off and if there are beer cans in the rink, that they be cleaned out.

4. OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:

➤ Update on Lake Street dogs –

- Two dogs have been registered from this address – without proper enforcement, it is difficult to determine if that is all of the dogs that reside there.

➤ Update on Main Street dog –

- This dog has been registered and the leash has been shortened.

➤ Update on Planning Commission members –

- Bob Gaudette spoke with the Clerk and said that he will think about offering his resignation for this position.
- Jeff Medor has not responded to the letter.
- Clerk will send another letter to Jeff Medor asking for his voluntary resignation.

➤ Update on Boutah Rd / Fox Hill Rd signs –

- The “School Bus Stop Ahead” signs are up.

5. TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS

- No tabled topics at this time.

6. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- 05/24/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING

- Bobby Creller motioned to approve the minutes from the 05/24/2016 Selectboard Meeting – seconded by Chairman, Tyler Gotshall - all in favor – motion carried

7. APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:

- Overweight permits were signed previous to the meeting by the Road Commissioner, Alton Brusio.
- All invoices approved and signed.

8. ADJOURN:

- At 9:23PM, Bobby Creller motioned to adjourn – seconded by Chuck Pease - 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 28 June, 2016.