

MINUTES FROM 11/22/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Alton Brusco, Lee Kimball, Chuck Pease, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

GUESTS: Jan Marinelli (Lake Champlain Islands Economic Development Corporation), Darwin Cameron, George Boutah, Bernard (Bing) Pero, Carol Behrman, Terry Tatro

7PM - OPEN MEETING:

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Lee Kimball

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

- Clerk had several additions to the agenda, Lee Kimball had one adjustment.
 - Adj. #1 – Payroll question posed by employee
 - Adj. #2 – Set a date for 1st budget meeting
 - Adj.#3 – S.A.F.D #2 Prudential Committee interested party
 - Adj. #4 – Info only – Compactor is paid in full.
 - Adj. #5 - Transfer Station funds needed for work

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Jan Marinelli - Update
 - Jan introduced herself to those present and explained that her job is support for businesses in the Champlain Islands.
 - She was present to introduce herself again to Alburgh and to update the Board on what is happening with LCIEDC.
 - She explained that water quality is important to the Islands and that there was a design grant written for storm water mitigation at The Alburgh school and the grant has been awarded.
 - She intends to write another grant asking for assistance in paying for the construction of the project.
 - Jan also explained that there is work being done on a design for the drawbridge between North Hero and Grand Isle.
 - They would like the design to include a bike/pedestrian lane across the bridge.
 - Knowing that budget talks will be starting soon, Jan would like to request an allocation for \$1,100.
- Terry Tatro – Planning Commission –
 - Terry and Carol Behrman were both present to propose an ordinance for abandoned homes that are falling apart, that are unsightly and pose a safety hazard.

- Carol has written a proposed ordinance for the Board to review.
- The Board will look at this proposed ordinance and discuss this after budgets are finished.
- Tabled until further notice.

- **VISITOR INPUT:**

- Adjustment #1 - A payroll question was posed by an employee.
 - The employee asked about time accruing. For example, if the employee worked an extra several minutes a day, did that add up to extra time at the end of the week or are employees only paid for scheduled hours.
 - There is not a policy in place currently.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 12/13/2016
- Adjustment #2 - Set a date for 1st budget meeting
 - The first budget meeting will be on 11/30/2016 to begin at 6PM

- **TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS**

- Blue Cross Blue Shield – 2017 rates
 - Clerk presented the Board with a comparison sheet between Blue Cross Blue Shield and MVP and explained the new rates if the current BCBS plan remains the same.
 - *Alton Bruso motioned to stay with the plan that is currently being used – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried*

- **OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES**

- Animal Control Ordinance adoption -
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to adopt the Animal Control Ordinance as written – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor – motion carried.*
- Transfer Station trailer – progress?
 - The shop in Canada that has the cylinder will be able to repair it.
 - The cylinder should be back to Bill Gett by the first week in December.
 - The estimated cost for the rebuild is \$3,000 Canadian money.
 - Sylvester’s Rubbish Removal will haul trash and C&D for the Town as needed until the Town trailer is repaired.
- Adjustment #5 - Transfer Station funds needed for work
 - One of the compactors does not function well because of lack of power.
 - More amps are needed.
 - A new transformer is estimated at \$3,000 plus miscellaneous parts and labor.
 - It was recommended that the compactor motor be sheltered from the elements and raised up out of the pit.
 - The work will require approximately \$1,000 in materials.

- *Lee Kimball motioned to authorize Ernie Cleland to do the work to get the transformer upgraded – seconded by Alto Bruso – all in favor – motion carried*
 - *Lifting the compactor motor and enclosing it will be tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 12/13/2016*
 - Adjustment #3 – S.A.F.D #2 Prudential Committee interested party
 - *There was a letter of interest received from Tony Speranza*
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to appoint Anthony Speranza to the Prudential Board for S.A.F.D. #2 – seconded by Alton Bruso – all in favor – motion carried*
- **APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:**
 - 11/10/2016 SELECTBOARD MEETING
 - *Alton Bruso motioned to accept the minutes from the 11/10/2016 meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor motion carried*
 - 11/15/2016 SPECIAL MEETING (interviews)
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to accept the minutes from the 11/15/2016 interviews meeting as written – seconded by Chuck Pease – all in favor motion carried*
 - 11/17/2016 SPECIAL MEETING (Dog ordinance)
 - *Chuck Pease motioned to accept the minutes from the 11/17/2016 Ordinance meeting as written – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor motion carried*
- **APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:**
 - No overweight permits
 - All invoices approved and signed
- **ADJOURN:**
 - *At 9:10pm Lee Kimball 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 13 December 2016.