

MINUTES FROM 02/27/2018 SELECTBOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman, Lee Kimball, Alton Brusco, Cheryl Moomey, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

6:30PM – EXECUTIVE SESSION - For the purpose of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) The appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee – Jason Reynolds

- At 6:30PM Lee Kimball called the meeting to order
- *At 6:30PM Lee Kimball motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(3) the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee – seconded by Cheryl Moomey– all in favor – motion carried – Board in Executive Session.*
- *At 6:55 PM Cheryl Moomey motioned to leave Executive Session – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Board out of Executive Session.*
- Visitors were invited in.

PRESENT: Chairman, Lee Kimball, Alton Brusco, Cheryl Moomey, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

GUESTS: Cheryl Dunn, Carol Behrman, Jen Parro, Terry Tatro, Leeann Porto, Craig Greene, Monica Greene

7:00pm - OPEN REGULAR MEETING:

- Lee Kimball called the meeting to order at 7:05PM
- **ADJUST AGENDA** (if needed):
 - **2 ADJUSTMENTS MADE:**
 - **ADJUSTMENT #1:** Results of the Executive Session
 - **ADJUSTMENT # 2:** Complaint filed by Craig and Monica Greene
- **ADJUSTMENT #1:** Results of Executive Session

- *Lee Kimball motioned to make Jason Reynolds Road Foreman for the Highway Department effective March 1st, 2018. He will receive \$23 per hour plus full benefits including health, dental and vision insurance for two persons. He will receive 2 weeks paid vacation, and sick time per State statute. He will have a review in three months – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*

- **NEW BUSINESS: ADJUSTMENT #2 added here.**

- **ADJUSTMENT # 2:** Complaint filed by Craig and Monica Greene

- The Greene's filed a complaint with the Town against their neighbors at 1209 Border Road.
- The property is owned by family of the people that reside there.
- The complaint consisted of several issues.
- They filed a complaint that the neighbors are violating the Noise Ordinance by racing four wheelers and dirt bikes around at all hours of the day and night at "public events" as evidenced by social media posts.
- They were also concerned about the firing of guns that takes place at the neighbor's house. This not only contributes to the noise complaint but is also a safety concern as they are firing within range of the Greene's home.
- They are also filing a complaint pertaining to the Junk Ordinance. There are several abandoned "junk" cars on the property, the barn is in disrepair and is not only an "eyesore" but a possible safety issue. (This complaint would fall under the Nuisance Property Ordinance if found to be valid.)
- Lastly, they were filing a complaint pertaining to the Trash Ordinance because there is a chain link fence in the yard for dogs, but they throw garbage into the enclosure and it is piling up.
- The safety issue of guns being shot is the top priority, followed by the amount of noise that they are exposed to regularly.
- Lee will investigate the issue of the trash.
- Cheryl will call Sheriff Ray Allen about the use of the guns without a proper backstop.
- Carol will investigate the condition of the barn to assess if it is to be considered a "Nuisance Property.
- Jen and Ariel will investigate any animals that might be on the property to be sure that if there are, they are being cared for properly.

- Clerk will draft a letter to begin a dialogue with the residents and the owners. The letter will contain a summary of the complaints and a copy of the Junk, Trash, Noise and Animal Control Ordinances will be included in the letter.
- Tabled until the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 03/13/2018.

OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES / TABLED TOPICS AND / OR WAITING RESULTS:

- Cheryl Dunn - Carol Behrman, (enforcement officer) – update on Richard’s property
 - Carol sent a registered letter to Mr. Richards that was received and signed for by Mr. Richards.
 - The letter asked that he attend one of the Selectboard meeting in the month of February to present a plan for disposing of the remains of the house.
 - Mr. Richards did not offer or attempt to attend either meeting.
 - Carol is going to send another registered letter which will include a fine for not following the requests that were presented to him.
 - Cheryl Dunn stated that she has been in contact with the Agency of Natural Resources about the oil that was pumped out of the house.
 - She was told that Hazmat has not closed the case and the area affected is still considered a “brown space” with Roy Richards name attached to the file.
 - Cheryl got an estimate for clean up of the property including disposal of the remains of the burned home.
 - To return the property to “green space” it would cost an estimated \$13,000.
 - Carol will contact Roy via phone and send him a letter that will state the Selectboard intends to begin fining him accordingly.
 - This item will remain on the agenda.

- Animal complaint - Dog biting another dog on Lake Street – update
 - Cheryl reported that the dog, Kimo, that bit her dog in the face was loose again.
 - She called Animal Control to report it.
 - Cheryl has seen the owner of the dog, Kimo, in Town with Kimo in the car with her. He does not have a collar or a muzzle on as required.

- Lee will call the owner of the dog and reiterate to her what the Board requires of her regarding Kimo.
- Tabled until the next regular meeting, currently scheduled for 03/13/2018.
- Trash complaint from Pauline Drive – update
 - Tabled until further notice
- Vantine Avenue complaint – Update
 - Tabled until further notice

VISITOR INPUT:

- Terry Tatro has one item to bring to the Boards attention.
 - The Selectboard authorized the Planning Commission to pursue a grant for an electric charging station.
 - Part of the parking lot at the Municipal building was the original spot that was proposed for two or more charging spots.
 - That spot is not feasible as one of the requirements of the grant is that the Municipality must own the land that the charging station will be located on.
 - The Planning Commission suggested the land on the North side of Industrial Park Road, in between the New England via Vermont building and the road.
 - There was some discussion about this being the best location.
 - It was agreed that it would be an ideal location.
 - There is a power pole near the proposed location as well as enough bare land to accommodate two stations to start and room to add more in the future.
 - Town will retain ownership of the property as that is a requirement of the grant.
 - This area is part of the Village Designation, also a requirement of the grant.
 - Incoming and outgoing money will filter through the Town.
 - Carol Behrman will act as the grant administrator.
 - The three members present, signed the grant resolution on behalf of the entire Selectboard.
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the site along Industrial Park Road for an Electric Car Charging Station if the grant is approved – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*

- Terry also informed all present that there will be three members of the Planning Commission that will be at the end of their appointment so there will be three vacancies that will need appointments at the March 13th, 2018 meeting.
- The three members that have appointments ending are Terry Tatro, Jeff Medor and Brian Tjelta.
- Reappointments of the same members can be made.

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- **02/13/2018 - SELECTBOARD MEETING**
 - *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the minutes from the 02/13/2018 Selectboard meeting as written – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*

APPROVE INVOICES AND / OR OVERWEIGHT PERMITS:

- No Overweight permits.
- All invoices approved and signed.

ADJOURN:

- *At 8:45PM Lee Kimball motioned to adjourn – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – 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 regular meeting, currently scheduled 03/13/2018.