

ALBURGH TOWN SELECT BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
September 25, 2018 @ 7 PM
Municipal Conference Room

Present: Cheryl Moomey, Ken Millman, Chuck Pease, Alton Brusco, Lee Kimball, Danielle James Choiniere

Guests: Leeann Porto, Terry Tatro, Willie Burbank, Jen Parro, Craig Greene, Susan Millman, Taylor Newton, Carol Behrman, Seth Wagner, Renee Creller, Tyler Gotshall, Nathan Gotshall

Meeting was called to order by Chair Lee Kimball at 7 PM.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Voice mail edits for office and highway garage, board approval for temporary road closure, property on end of Christopher Road.

NEW / OLD BUSINESS UPDATES - TABLED TOPICS AND/ OR AWAITING RESULTS

-Taylor Newton of Northwest Regional Planning has been working with the Town Planning Commission on doing a Village Master Plan. Ideally, they hope to connect different recreational assets in the village like Bicentennial Park, the lakefront on Lake St, and the Industrial Park rail trail head. They're looking to apply for a grant to be approved and applied for by the Select Board. The grant would be for \$13,792.50 if received, and the town would need to match \$1,532.50 of that money. Terry Tatro said there are funds available from the Planning Commission. Bike lanes, trees, benches and sidewalk improvements are some ideas being batted around. Another suggestion was to have the town petition the state to take over all or parts of Route 2, as getting permission to work within the state right of way is very difficult. Some documents from Bethany Remmers were included to be signed, but as all information was new to the board, they wanted more information.

Chuck Pease motioned to go ahead and consent to the grant application and approve up to \$1,532.50 be allocated to fund the grant from the general fund if the town is chosen. Cheryl Moomey seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

-1209 Border Road: Terry Tatro confirmed he issued a ticket (complaint dated 7/27) sent to the Judicial Bureau, but as a 1st noise offense, not 2nd. No written evidence was found to determine a 1st violation for noise was sent to the Bureau. Craig Greene said he made multiple complaints, which was true. However, those complaints were not fielded through the Judicial Bureau. Craig also wanted the minutes of 9/11 to read "dust and noise" instead of just dust. He also said this method of fines wasn't very effective and wondered if the town would prosecute the property owner. The board clarified their ordinance does not have that option, that fines to infinity are the extent it covers. It was suggested a second ticket could be issued by Terry Tatro from a 9/3 complaint.

Cheryl Moomey motioned to file a ticket on a noise complaint from 9/3 for a second offense on the Wagner property. Terry asked what time of day to indicate on the ticket. Cheryl Moomey amended her motion to file a ticket on a noise complaint from mid-day 9/3 for a second offense on the Wagner property. Ken Millman seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Carol Behrman asked what the end game of this scenario was. Craig Greene reiterated the ordinance wasn't strong enough. Lee Kimball replied the noise ordinance was intended to stop behavior and not necessarily punish. Most of the time that works. Seth Wagner said he had plans to move the race track 80 yards, but the board didn't think that would cut the noise level that much. Craig Greene needed an affidavit which he can get from the sheriff's department.

-26 Lake Street: No new results. Certified letters are not being accepted. Clerk Donna Bohannon wrote to VLCT to see if other methods can be used to convey town communication and the newspaper can be one. An injunction can also be filed via a lawsuit. Carol Behrman to resend letter in traditional mail and place notification in the Islander. She also asked if the town could lend Mr. Richard money to demolish his burned house. "No" was the underlying thought on that idea as he's made no attempts at communication. Craig Greene asked if the town could tear it down and place a lien on the property. It would roughly cost \$12,000 to demolish. The town's attorney can be approached with this scenario.

-E-911 Coordinator Tyler Gotshall reported to be about 70% with the renumbering. Leeann Porto asked why GPS doesn't seem to be working for the new changes. Tyler replied the search databases aren't updated until Google, UPS, etc. update their systems. Terry Tatro asked when the changes would be complete. Tyler hates to do them during the time of year when Christmas packages are shipped to reduce mail issues. The town has been holding off on changing parcel ID numbers until all changes are complete. The board asked if the town could switch to SPAN numbers instead? The listers can be asked.

-645 South Main Street: Lee Kimball to write up something concerning junk, litter, etc.

-Roger Lanoue/Class 4 Road: Still not a way to properly identify it but working with VLCT. No reply from the latter as of the date of this meeting.

-328 South Main Street: Carol Behrman had no updates, but she will pursue.

-Transfer Station Scales and Forklift: Lee Kimball was to ask Dan Pecor if he could build a small shelter box for the scales to protect them from the elements. The fork lift still needs parts and fixing which the Highway Department can do but they're busy. Alton Brusio to update on later date.

-Greenwoods Road Speed Study: Chuck Pease was given paint to indicate on the location on the ground where the unit is to go. After the sheriff's department okays the location with Dig Safe, they'll pursue the study.

-Paving on Blair Road/Industrial Park: Alton Brusio reported this likely won't be done in fall. Hungerford Paving to be doing section by town garage for salt shed by October 15th.

-Auditor Pay: *Lee Kimball motioned to approve a raise of these positions from \$12 to \$15 per hour. Cheryl Moomery seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. Cheryl Moomery also motioned to increase the rate of pay for the Board of Civil Authority from \$10.50 an hour to \$15. Ken Millman seconded. Lee Kimball opposed. Four in favor, motion carried.*

-Letter to VTrans: *Chuck Pease motioned to approve the road closure on 9/29 from 11 am- 12 pm for a parade demonstration in the village. Ken Millman seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. The Board Chair signed a letter of approval.*

-Voice Mail Messages: A complaint was received 9/24 that the voice mail on the highway garage and town office does not list any emergency contacts i.e. if a tree has fallen in the road after hours. The foreman's number will be placed on them.

-Christopher Road Property Ownership: Lee Kimball described a big tree near the lake pumphouse with a large branch ready to come down. One branch has already fallen. He did not know who owned the property-town or fire district. The board didn't know either but had a hunch it was the fire district. The question was posed to the listers for their help.

VISITOR INPUT

Carol Behrman mentioned several tornados occurred in Canada recently and wondered what sort of warning systems

Alburgh had. Other than the media and weather sources, there is VT Alert which requires a sign-up. She'd also asked Craig Greene why he complains about his neighbor's noise and junk if the Greens no longer live there. He replied those reasons are why he moved.

APPROVAL OF 9/11/2018 MINUTES

Terry Tatro said a word on page 3 needed to be changed from "...the owner of the Town giving a mortgage to the Town..." should read, "...the owner of the property giving a mortgage to the Town..." *Cheryl Moomey motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Chuck Pease seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.*

WARRANTS/ SIGNATURES NEEDED

The payroll and invoices were reviewed and signed.

ADJOURN

Cheryl Moomey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:21 PM. Ken Millman seconded, all in favor. So adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle James Choiniere

These minutes are draft only, not slated for approval until the next board meeting of October 9, 2018.