

MINUTES FROM 02/26/2019 SELECTBOARD MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman, Lee Kimball, Vice-Chair, Cheryl Moomey, Alton Brusco, Ken Millman, Clerk, Donna L. Bohannon

GUESTS: Terry Tatro, Carol Behrman, Susan Millman

7:00pm - OPEN REGULAR MEETING:

- Meeting called to order by Chairman, Lee Kimball at 7PM

ADJUST AGENDA (if needed):

- Several adjustments were requested.
- **ADJUSTMENT #1:** Railroad crossing paper received.
- **ADJUSTMENT #2:** Mowing bid request needs to be put out.
- **ADJUSTMENT #3:** Budget numbers question/suggestion.

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

- Planning Commission – new members needed
 - Jim Ross has left Alburgh and is no longer on the Planning Commission, which leaves a vacancy.
 - There will be three other seats up for appointment or reappointment in March.
 - Clerk will place an ad in the Islander for two weeks asking for letters of interest.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- 107 Lake Street property complaint
 - The Clerk sent a letter to the residents at 107 Lake Street, inviting them to the meeting, but had not heard back from them.
 - ~~Ken Millman investigated the complaint and noted that there are several vehicles in the yard but that it is difficult to determine if they are registered.~~
 - Ken Millman investigated the complaint and noted that there are more than ten vehicles in the yard but that it is difficult to determine if they are registered.
 - Changed per Selectboard to be a more accurate account of the number of vehicles at the property.

- He did report however that some of the vehicles have plates and others do not.
- The Clerk will send another letter explaining that this matter needs to be resolved and that the Board needs to hear from them by the next regular meeting on 3/26/2019.
- Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- 26 Lake Street property complaint – Update.
 - The owner of this property has been unreachable, which has made it difficult to resolve this issue.
 - The Clerk will send an email to the Town attorney for what the next step should be and if he has the means to find out where the owner is living.
 - It has been noted that there are several cars and a trailer on the property now that were not there before.
 - These are in violation of the Towns Junk Ordinance. Lee will draft a letter to be sent once a good mailing address is established.
 - It was also brought to the Boards attention that the owner has been filing a homestead declaration on this property and receiving a State pre-bate.
 - The Clerk will contact the State tax department and explain to them that he cannot live there as the structure has been burned for two years.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- 328 South Main Street property complaint – Update.
 - The windows at this property have been boarded up and it is on the market to be sold.
 - Carol Behrman will continue to monitor the progress on this property.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- 1209 Border Road property complaint– Update.
 - The Clerk contacted the Judicial Bureau to inquire about the status of tickets that had been issued in September of 2018. She was informed that the tickets that were issued are on the docket to be scheduled for a hearing. The Judicial Bureau will inform all relevant parties when the hearing will take place.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- Transfer Station topics for discussion –
 - Transfer Station scales - covered – Update.
 - Lee reported that Gene Bohannon has started to put the frame together in his garage and it will be going to the Transfer Station soon to be put up.
 - An update will be given at the next Selectboard meeting.

- Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
 - Lock system upgrade –
 - Lee reported that there are several different styles of locks on Amazon, but he will check pricing with local locksmiths also as he would like to keep the spending local.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- **ADJUSTMENT #1:** Railroad crossing paper received.
 - Lee mentioned paperwork that he had received from the Department of Transportation requesting information about town right of ways near train tracks.
 - Lee will investigate this request and find out which crossings they need the information from.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- **ADJUSTMENT #2:** Mowing bid request needs to be put out.
 - FYI only – The Clerk will be advertising for mowing bids.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- **ADJUSTMENT #3** Budget numbers question/suggestion.
 - Alton mentioned that there are several accounts lumped into the General fund that have money in them for various entities and he would like to find out how much total is in each one.
 - The Treasurer will pull the figures for the Board.
 - Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.
- Moving forward – update ordinances, create capital equipment fund, prioritizing roads needing work, other plans to promote growth.
 - Ken suggested that in addition to the regular items that the Board takes care of, they add a “pet project” periodically that will consist of more than just handling complaints. Items such as the budget numbers that Alton mentioned earlier to planning for the future of the Town.
 - Ken suggested that they explore ways to bring Industry to Alburgh.
 - Terry mentioned that there is an Industrial Board but that it hasn’t met in a very long time. He also mentioned that they need new members.

- Ken volunteered to be on the Industrial Board.
- Terry Tatro will organize a meeting of the Industrial Board.
- Ken also suggested that the Selectboard encourage other community members to join and support some of the groups in Town that have been formed to help growth in Alburgh.
- Susan Millman commented that the Selectboard needs to act as the “conductor of the orchestra” and that more “instrumentalists” need to be put to work and directed.
- The Selectboard cannot make growth happen alone, they need the help of community members.
- At the next regular Selectboard meeting the Board will create a Priority list of sorts to help organize the most important areas to work on.
- Tabled until the next regular meeting currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.

VISITOR INPUT:

- Terry pointed out that the next meeting of the Selectboard will have to be the reorganizational meeting.

APPROVE THE FOLLOWING MEETING MINUTES:

- **02/12/2019 – SELECTBOARD MEETING**
- *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the minutes from the 02/12/2019 meeting as written – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*

- **APPROVE INVOICES / SIGNATURES NEEDED:**

- All invoices approved and signed.

- **EXECUTIVE SESSION: For the purpose of negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options (RS149); 1 V.S.A. § 313.**

- *At 8:40PM Cheryl Moomey motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of negotiating or securing of real estate purchase or lease options (RS149); 1 V.S.A. § 313 – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – Board in Executive Session.*
- *At 9:10 PM Cheryl Moomey motioned to leave Executive Session – seconded by Lee Kimball - all in favor – motion carried – Board out of Executive Session.*
- *No motions made regarding this issue.*

- Jimmy Creller will be invited to the meeting scheduled for 03/26/2019.

ADJOURN:

- *At 9:10PM Cheryl Moomey motioned to adjourn – seconded by Lee Kimball – all in favor – motion carried – meeting adjourned.*
- Some discussion started pertaining to the next regular meeting on 03/12/2019 and two Board members stated that they will not be in Town on that date or several days either side of that date.
- Cheryl Moomey motioned to re-open the meeting to discuss this issue – seconded by Ken Millman – all in favor – motion carried – meeting re-opened.
- The Board discussed the regular meeting that would be held on 03/12/2019. Two Board members will not be in Town on that date and there is a question about a third. It was decided that the regular meeting for 03/12/2019 will be canceled and that they will meet again for the regular meeting on 03/26/2019,
- *Ken Millman motioned to give Alton Brusio authority to sign the warrant for the bills that would be paid at the 03/12/2019 meeting – seconded by Cheryl Moomey – all in favor – motion carried.*
- Alton Brusio will sign the warrant for the 03/12/2019 bills.
- The Board will hold a brief open meeting on 03/06/2019 for the reorganization of the Board. They will resume their regular schedule of meetings on 03/26/2019.
- *At 9:12PM Cheryl Moomey 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 regular meeting, currently scheduled for 03/26/2019.