

Alburgh Town Select Board
Regular Meeting
Alburgh Fire Hall
April 13, 2021 - 7 PM

Present: (in person) Lee Kimball, Shawn Creller, Danielle James Choiniere, Chuck Pease, Nicholas Palmer, Terry Tatro, John Beaulac, Jason Reynolds, Alton Bruso, Matthew Lefluer, John Chesarek, Carol Behrman. Electronically: Matt Lavigne, Ken Millman, Mallory Ovitt, Donna Bohannon, "A", "George"

MEETING OPENED

Called to order at 7:07 PM by Chair Lee Kimball.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- *Lee Kimball motioned to accept 3/23/21 minutes as presented. Shawn Creller seconded, all in favor. So approved.*

VISITOR INPUT

Matt Lefluer commented on community funds T-Mobile has available for interested applicants.

NEW/ OLD BUSINESS UPDATES/ TABLED TOPICS

◇ Outside Audit- Tabled. Stuff is still being worked on.

◇ Mowing Bids- Wright Cut and Clean was the only business to submit one. \$190 per mow. Invoiced once a month.

- *Lee Kimball motioned to accept Wright Cut and Clean for 2-year lawn mowing bid. Nicholas Palmer seconded, all in favor. So approved.*

Jason Reynolds suggested they clean up ditches and sticks around Bicentennial Park.

- *Lee Kimball motioned to approve \$350 for general cleanup. Nicholas Palmer seconded, all in favor. So voted.*

◇ Town Truck For Sale- Jason Reynolds said he was approached by Clark's Truck Center to try and take another crack at fixing the electrical issue. The board was not impressed and discussed a minimum bid. It comes with a used plow, poly wing and worn box.

- *Chuck Pease motioned to accept a minimum bid of \$6,000 until 5/12. Nicholas Palmer seconded, all in favor. So voted.*

◇ Food Truck- An Isle La Motte business asked if they could set up a snack stand on weekends by the municipal office and use their power. Shawn Creller brought up asking for their liability insurance and the board would like more details.

◇ Paving Martell Road- Jason Reynolds received a quote from Pike Industries for milling current road surface and substrate below 8-inches. They'd put a type two 2.5 inch base then topcoat in 2022. It would come to \$301,558 +/- and they would hold that price if the board signed the agreement tonight. Nicholas Palmer would like to see them milling 10 inches down, lay larger aggregate for a base. And widening the road from 22 to 24 feet. John Beaulac largely agreed with Nicholas to make a better road, especially since no one knows what is underneath current pavement. Guesstimates for extra stone were about \$160K. The board went over budget amounts and digging test areas along the road's length, and if getting more quotes would be wise. Jason Reynolds said Pike is the closest company to our location and sells material to other contractors so cutting the middleman out is usually cheaper.

- *Nicholas Palmer motioned to accept Pike's bid contingent upon favorable road testing. Chuck Pease seconded, all in favor. So voted.*

◇ West Shore Road Sign Request- Cyclist John Chesarek would like to pay for three signs along this road warning drivers to give pedestrians, bikers, horses, etc. a 4-foot distance when moving around them per state law. He would like one placed by Route 2, Route 129 and Truck Route. The board did not want residents to pay for signs and asked if Jason Reynolds can help with the

signs' purchase. John Chesarek also wanted to give a heads up for the 200+ cyclists who tour the area each year as a fundraiser for the Friends of Northern Lake Champlain on June 19th.

- *Nicholas Palmer motioned to approve the sign request, Chuck Pease seconded, all in favor. So approved.*

◇ Conflict of Interest Policy-

- *Lee Kimball motioned to approve the policy as recommended by outside auditors. Nicolas Palmer seconded, all in favor. So approved.*

◇ Bookkeeping/Financials- Treasurer and local audit staff had a meeting with Cynthia of NEMRC on how to reconcile the bank statements each month on computer software. Another meeting is to follow with March's bank statement.

◇ Online Banking- Awaiting treasurer's input as she had left the meeting.

◇ Transfer Station Topics- Lee Kimball reported a \$3,000 day the prior Sunday. He is currently analyzing 5-6 years of data. Tipping fees are huge and maybe a third person for seasonal work could happen. John Chesarek asked about the security on site with that much money. The transfer station's brush pile was purportedly on fire again as people love to dump ashes and flammables in that location. The board would like some fire department help with designing a fire ring, maybe also the highway crew. Danielle James Choiniere reminded the board Dillen Goodsell's probationary period was up, and they can discuss more next meeting under executive session.

◇ Streetscape Billing to Village- Alton Brusco claimed he thought the Village should pay roughly \$8,430.90 to the Town for past sidewalk enhancements. The board will look at his compiled numbers more closely.

◇ Town Properties- The board will wait until the May vote to see if they need extra storage for broadband hardware. Basic numbers were compiled to provide Matt Aldridge the ability to purchase his mobile home back.

◇ Matrix & Broadband- Asked for permission to put a table at the transfer station to spread information. An informational meeting is also scheduled for May 10 and more info can be put on social media and newsprint. Chris Lynch could come to a future board meeting and rates were discussed. Terry Tatro asked if fiber is taxable like VT Electric Coop.

◇ NWCUD- Ken Millman asked to take J.R. Cox off the CUD paperwork as he can be a member under the Village of Alburgh.

ADJOURN

- *Lee Kimball motioned to adjourn at 10:03 PM. Nicholas Palmer seconded, all in favor. So adjourned!*

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle James Choiniere
Assistant Town Clerk

Audio for the meeting found here: https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/0hzXbzHufnZliWI7_4y7oOGviVnQtF9Jwh-P8A9ZcQYH3841MLEHTuMuls9IXbWc.sMH4-PvoJ-2I3FXr