

Town of Alburgh
Regular Selectboard Meeting
11/9/2022 at 6:00 PM

Present: Shawn Creller, Elliot Knight, Russell Duchaine, Danielle James Choiniere, later Dave Rugh, George Hakey, Rodney James

Topic 1 - Call to Order:

Vice Chair Russell Duchaine called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

Topic 2 - Agenda Adjustments:

- Topic shifting when some became tabled and topic speakers weren't yet present.
- Roof subtopic under transfer station heading.

Topic 3 - Prior Minutes:

- **Shawn Creller motioned to approve 10/24/2022 minutes as written, Elliot Knight seconded. All in favor, so approved.**

Topic 4 - Town Office:

- a-c) Tabled for when Chair Henry is present.
- d) Alburgh Family Clubhouse checking account- clarified from mention at a prior meeting this account thought not board-sanctioned was a grant requirement to have in place.

Topic 5 - Transfer Station:

- a) NWSWD- Tabled when Chair Henry is present.
- b) Inventory- Elliot Knight voted to scrap two old compactors and dry motor. Russell Duchaine seconded, all in favor. So approved.
- c) Computer- there are several spares available once payroll punch-in software is added.
- d) Employee Key-
 - **Elliot Knight motioned to provide Colby Hemond with a key to the main gate. Russell Duchaine seconded, all in favor. So approved.**
- e) Added onto agenda at the start of meeting: estimate to repair compactor roof slant was read off for \$2,500. No formal decision made.

Topic 6 - Highway Department:

- a) 11/3 Road Complaint from Mr. Richard Carey- damage to oil pan after hitting a rock on Little Woods Road. He is frustrated with the state of a town road from agricultural use and how taxpayers pay the price. Some stone does get scraped into the ditches for the highway dept. to dig out and replace. Town can ask VLCT for guidance.
- b) Deer Carcasses- picked up on Little Woods Road, as well as burned boat residuals. More carcasses dumped on Greenwoods Road. Shawn Creller said these are compostable at the transfer station, no need to litter on roadsides.
- c) 2010 Dump Truck Replacement- Rodney James had 3 quotes and most favorable was the truck from Champlain, NY which would be available nearly immediately while the others would be late 2023. Funding was discussed. Two board members were missing so those present wanted their input before making any decisions. Rodney James will call for Peterbilt's financing options.
- d) 2014 Dump Truck- nearly repaired. Just needs to pass emissions test.
- e) Veterans Day Schedule- As the holiday falls on a non-work day, George Hakey and Irving Wetherby taking 11/10 off while Rodney James will be off 11/14.

Topic 7 - New Issues:

- a) Request for another portable handicap sign and moving benches at Islands in the Sun. Russell Duchaine will see if highway department can help with both.

- b) Appropriation Requests- town receiving money requests for 2023-24 budget season. Tabled for now.
- c) Nuisance Properties- 1556 Alburgh Springs Road and 431 North Main Street. Josie Henry may have more updates. The town has an ordinance to follow with proper procedures. Need to also follow up with state about a driveway permit.

Topic 8 – Old Issues:

b) Municipal Planning Grant- 12/1 deadline. Elliot Knight and Josie Henry have been looking at the town property on Main St as a potential site of Alburgh Rescue headquarters.

c) Town Highway #19 (not 4)- Shawn Creller physically looked at road. Board was leaning on not to sell it though no motions were made. They want to see an overhead view of its shape and length.

d) Selectboard Scribe- one letter of interest received. Attending board members did not see the letter so it was printed out. Three board members present didn't have a salary squarely in mind. Tabled for next meeting.

a) Executive session:

➤ **Elliot Knight proposed to go into executive session when premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body or a person involved at a substantial disadvantage. Shawn Creller seconded, all in favor. So approved.**

➤ **Elliot Knight motioned to enter executive session at 7:39 PM per 1 V.S.A. § 313) (a) (F) confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body. Shawn Creller seconded, all in favor. So approved.**

➤ **Elliot Knight motioned to exit executive session at 8:31 PM. Shawn Creller seconded, all in favor. So approved.**

Topic 9 – Warrants:

Invoice and payroll warrants were viewed and signed.

Topic 10 Adjourn:

➤ **Russell Duchaine motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:36 PM. Shawn Creller seconded, all in favor. So adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,
Danielle James Choiniere

~*~ These are draft minutes not slated for approval until the next regular board meeting ~*~