



Alburgh Selectboard Meeting  
Draft Minutes 04/01/24

*Municipal Officials Present:* Elliot Knight (Selectboard Chair), Russell Duchaine, Jim Hokenberg, Damien Henry, Alexander McCracken

*Public Present:* Matthew Lefleur, Alton Bruso, Carol Behrman, Steve Mikel, Terry Tatro

*Elliot Knight called the meeting to order at 6:02pm*

**Adjustments to the agenda:** Add – Owl (zoom) recording discussion under town office; Library ARPA funds request

**Minutes from the 03/25/24 meeting:** Alexander McCracken motioned to accept the minutes as written, seconded by Damien Henry, all were in favor in the motion carried.

**Public Comment Period: Steve Mikel (Bicentennial Park project – ARPA):** Steve Mikel provided the selectboard with an overview of the project's history, cost control measures, and a history on the Island Pickleball Association (IPA). There was a discussion on encouraging fundraising efforts to reduce the cost of the project. Steve states the IPA is willing to donate labor to the project and encourages “hockey parents” in the area to participate as the project includes the new skating rink.

**AR Inc. , AVFD Draft MOU's -** Town Administrator presented the Draft MOU's for Alburgh Rescue Inc., and AVFD highlighting the need to have formal documents in place to establish the relationship between the private entities and the town to provide fire protection, and emergency medical services. Both the Fire Chief and Rescue Chief have copies and are reviewing with their command staff before meeting with the Selectboard. TA to set up a future meeting. SB voiced concerns about signing an MOU with AR Inc., binding service with that entity due to large funding needs, and historical unreliability. Town will need to engage the Town Attorney for review prior to executing MOU's.

**Congressionally Directed Spending –** discussion on submitting appropriations request through Congresswoman Balint's office. Alexander McCracken motioned to request funding for the construction of a salt shed at the Highway Garage, seconded by Damien Henry. All were in favor and the motion carried. TA to submit request ahead of the 04/06/24 deadline.

**Owl Recording (zoom) -** Concerns were raised about the video recording of SB Meetings, with some SB members being uncomfortable live streaming a video. TA read VT Statute which stipulates

that meetings be electronically recorded and available to the public, however it did not mention video specifically. TA to consult VLCT for guidance, and SB will revisit at the next meeting.

**VTRANS 4<sup>th</sup> of July Detour** – The selectboard reviewed and signed the VTRANS detour request for traffic diversion from US RT 2 for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. Russell Duchaine motioned to sign the document as written, seconded by Damien Henry. All were in favor and the motion carried.

**NWSWD Transition Discussion** – The SB discussed historical losses at the Transfer Station shifted to taxpayers in subsequent budget cycles. Consensus by the board to revisit transition talks with NWSWD and continue to evaluate what a potential MOU would state regarding future operations. TA to set up a meeting with NWSWD.

**Financial Review / warrants** - The selectboard reviewed and signed the warrants

Russell Duchaine motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:30, seconded by Alexander McCracken, all were in favor and the motion adjourned.

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