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SELECTMENS MEETING
May 3, 2010

PRESENT: Darryel Corrow, Emery Noyes, Paul Gallant, Dale Hackett and Al Duey

Emery opened the meeting with the reading of the minutes. Emery made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Darryel seconded.

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT: Dale told the board that they have been welding the plows and getting them fixed up, painted and put away. He also told the board the he had purchased a descaler. The chainsaw is in need of repairs and it was estimated to be over \$200.00 for repairs. Emery told him to go ahead and buy a new one.

Emery told Dale, that when they were doing work on the town roads that he should not hesitate to detour the traffic when ever possible so it would not hold up their work.

CONSTABLE REPORT: Paul Gallant said that there was nothing really pressing going on right now and things are pretty quiet. He did have something that he would like to discuss, but it could wait until July.

VISITORS: Al Duey was the only visitor and he was there in case the board had any questions on the progress of the DRB.

OTHER BUSINESS: Appoint permanent members to the Development Review Board; from the letters of interest submitted, Emery made a motion to appoint the following to the DRB, Frank Cuccia, term to expire 2013, Edmund Guest term to expire 2011, Rodney Machell term to expire 2011, John Kresser term to expire 2012 and Mike Harris term to expire 2013. Darryel Corrow seconded the motion. Letters will be sent to each of them informing them of the appointments.

Other persons submitting letters of interest were Joel Gilbert, Steve Legge (who later pulled his name out), Herm Hoyt, Julie Tower-Pierce, Chris Hibshman and Alan Sanderson.

Out of the remaining, Emery made a motion to appoint Chris Hibshman term to expire 2012 and Alan Sanderson term to expire 2013 to fill vacant positions on the Planning Commission. Darryel seconded. Letters will be sent to each of them informing them of the appointments. Letters will also be sent to each of the remaining not appointed thanking them for their interest and their letters will be kept on file for future references.

Emery appointed Al Duey and David Ormiston, of the Planning Commission, as Alternates to the DRB for a period of six months more or less if needed. Darryel seconded.

LAWN MOWING BIDS: Bids from the following were submitted

Bram Maintenance, Inc. (Bruce Devlin), Charles Curtis, LLC (Greg Vance), Norm Fortin Property Management (Norm Fortin), Jon's Residential and Commercial Care (Jonathan Gillespie), Kirby Mountain Lawns and Landscaping (Caleb Temple), Lyndon Lawn Care & Landscaping (Travis Brill), McCarty & Sons (Concord), PH Lawn Care & Landscaping (Cleveland), Ranney & Son Logging & Lawn Care (Troy Ranney), Vertical Smile Lawncare (Chico Sanville), Green Grass Landscaping (Justin Witter), Boxer Excavation & Landscaping and Phil's Landscaping. All bids are available for review at the Town Clerk's office during regular hours.

Emery made a motion to award the Burke Town School grounds to Caleb Temple for \$25.00 per mowing. School Ballfield to Travis Brill for \$30.00 per mowing and the Darling Park to Chico Sanville for \$65.00 per mowing. Darryel seconded.

The Board reviewed a letter from Burke Mountain asking approval for their annual Hill Climb, which will be held on June 19th, and 20th and August 28th and 29th. Emery felt that as long as the event remained under the same guidelines as in the past that there should be no problem. Darryel agreed. The guidelines include no motor operation before 8:00 a.m. or after 5:30 p.m. The starting line will be adjacent to the gate of the campground, and all staging for the event shall occur in the campground. The Mountain will obtain all required permits from the State of Vermont, Division of Parks, Forest, and Recreation.

The Board discussed the Senior Meal Site Lease, which Town Agent Jill Broderick had drafted. Some of the changes and additions they would like to include are that the meals site carry workers comp insurance on all paid employees, liability insurance on all property that they own, not to add any permanent fixtures to the Community Building, ie: no bookcases or permanent fixtures on the walls, Town has priority over Senior Meal Site events other than their regular scheduled Monday, Wednesday and Friday, remove "b" under Leased Property. Under Term – Change to read Tenant shall use the Leased Property as a Senior Meal site on Monday, Wednesday and Friday only unless scheduled with the Town Clerk's Office for other events. Remove the word "gas" from #10 Utilities.

Discussed the Traffic Consultant Letter, which was to come from the DRB to the Pastore's project. There seemed to be some confusion as to who should send the letter. Proper procedure is that the DRB should request in writing to the Legislative body that a consultant should be hired. That has not happened. Al Duey said that the DRB have not had time enough to review the traffic study from the Pastors' yet so there is not need to send a letter. He will get back to the Board as soon as they have time to review what has been submitted.

Priscilla told Board that the State had informed the Town that we have once again overpaid the School for education tax. Each year at tax time the State of Vermont tells the Towns how much to charge for education tax and at the end of the year they do a "Trueup" to determine if the Town paid too much or not enough. Because at some point

the State will tell the Town that we did not pay enough to the school, therefore would have to pay more to the school that we do not have in our budget like we did two and three years ago for over \$7,000 and \$5,000 respectively which was not in our budget. So she asked if the overage from this year could be put in a CD to hold in case we have a shortfall in the future. Both Emery and Darryel thought that would be a good idea.

Emery said that he had talked to the Sylce Family of Burke Hollow and they would like the Town to take funds out of the Sylce Family Trust to pay for the new fence at the Burke Hollow Cemetery. The cost of the fence was \$449.50 from Round Hill Fence and Security.

The Board reviewed and approved the accounts payable.

With no other business to come before the Board, Emery made a motion to adjourn. Darryel seconded.

Respectfully Submitted;

Priscilla Aldrich
Town Clerk and Treasurer