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**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**Burke Town Clerk's Office**

**PRESENT:** Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Emery Noyes, Dale Hackett, Sherry Noyes, Tim McGuire, Tim Tierney, Ken Gammell, Bill Quirk and Amy Nixon

Sam opened the meeting at 5:00 p.m. with the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Sam made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction to add Emery Noyes as present. Emery seconded.

**ROAD FOREMAN** Dale told the board that they have a recall on the new truck. Also the backhoe needs repairs and presented them with a \$6,803.78 estimate to fix it. The road crew is getting all the equipment ready for winter.

Dale told the Board that he has an extra plow that will not fit any of their current trucks. Adam Kennedy is interested in it. Dale thought that \$500 was a fair price. The board told him to go ahead and sell it.

The Board opened the snow plow bids for the Town Office and East Burke Church. Bids were received from the following:

Town Offices		East Burke Church
Dana Utley	\$45.00	No bid
Kirby Mt. Landscape	\$75.00	\$45.00
Donald Cheney	\$90.00	\$40.00
Ricky Hackett	\$55.00	\$27.00

The bid for the Town Clerk's Office was awarded to Dana Utley which includes cleaning off the steps and handicap ramp by 7:00 a.m. Including the entrance to the Community building. The bid for the East Burke Church was awarded to Ricky Hackett for \$27.00. The Town will do the sanding after the plowing is done.

**VISTORS:** **Sherry Noyes**, Burke Lister, came before the Board to explain the Errors and Omissions Statement that must be filed with the State of Vermont by December 31, 2011. There were only two entries for a reduction in the Grandlist of \$3,349.00.

**Tim McQuire**, VP and General Manager of Burke Mountain Operating Company came before the board to present them with a letter of request for a permit to run a professional snowmobile race on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> on the mountain. Sam told him that the Town does not require a permit as such but will give them their approval to run the event. The board had no objections to holding the event. The only thing they ask is that the Mountain notifies each of the property owners on the Mountain, which Tim said they would do. Sam did mention that there was an unhappy citizen about the event. Tim indicated that he was aware of that.

**Ken Gammell and Bill Quirk** came before the board to discuss possible ways to stop snowmobilers from crossing route 114 in front of East Burke Market to get to the Pub Out Back, which is a very dangerous spot. After some discussion the board told them that the Town would buy some stop signs and no snowmobile crossing signs in order to help stop the snowmobiles from crossing there. Mr. Gammell said that the Snowmobile club will put up some directional signs. He also said that if that doesn't stop they could hire the sheriffs to monitor the crossing.

**Tim Tierney** came before the board to discuss possibilities of getting more parking and some public restrooms in the East Burke area for the snowmobilers and the bikers. He feels that this is a real serious issue. The board could not come up with a suitable solution for either problem. They will think about it and see if they can come up with a plan.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Board signed re-finance papers for the combined Grader/backhoe and the Ham property loans. The loans were rewritten to get a better rate and a shorter payment period. The loans are at Community National Bank.

The board reappointed Mike Harris as representative from the Town of Burke on the Lyndon Rescue Board.

The board reviewed the Caledonia County budget.

The board discussed hiring a new health officer. Emery has been in contact with someone who may be interested. He will take the Health Office Manual for him to review.

The Board scheduled a working budget meeting for Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The board reviewed the accounts payable and signed the warrant to pay the bills as presented.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt  
Town Clerk and Treasurer  
Town of Burke