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SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Burke Town Clerk's Office

PRESENT: Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Emery Noyes, Dale Hackett, Paul Gallant, Jake Lavelly, Wells Fargo Advisors, Connie Knapp, Frontier Animal Hospital, Candi Dane, Animal Control Officer, Rob Johnson and Stuart Guy, Burke Mt. Academy

Sam opened the Selectmen's meeting with the reading of the minutes of the July meeting. Emery made a motion to accept the minutes as submitted. Darryel seconded. All in favor.

ROAD FORMAN REPORT – Dale told the board that they had been working on Alpine Lane and hoped to be done soon. Much needed repairs have been done, ditching, culverts, gravel, widening both sides of the road and putting in some stone, etc.

The residents on Walker road want the Town to grade the road. Dale told them that they need gravel because there is nothing there to grade. He will get in touch with Mr. Matteis.

Dale told the board that he will be needing gravel this year. He will like to get around 5,000 yards,

The Board opened the only winter sand bid which was from Kermit Weed. The bid for Sand and Screening picked by Town trucks is \$2.70. Delivered is \$3.80. Emery made a motion to accept the \$2.70 price picked up by the Town Trucks. Darryel seconded.

Sam told Dale that Walt Neboorsky had started mowing the roadside. Sam went to the Dashney Road and the Belden Hill Road to show him what needed to be done. Doug Clarner wants the town to put down gravel and he will be grading it himself.

Dale told the Board that should be ordering the new signs that are required by the state so that the road crew can get them up before cold weather.

Rob Johnson and Stuart Guy from Burke Mountain Academy came before the board to express their dissatisfaction on the work that has been done on Alpine Lane. They said that it is narrower than it used to be so that two cars can not pass at the same time on the curve of the road. They were also not happy with the positioning of a culvert. After some discussion Dale told them that he was holding off on finishing the project until there was some rain so that when he laid down the gravel it would settle better. He told them that the project was not done yet. He would go up to the Academy and Alpine Lane and go over what is still needed to be done.

They also had a concern about a culvert that was not put in the correct place and now the water is running into the parking lot. The culvert was put where the road crew was told to put it but it turns out

that is not actually where the Academy wants it. Sam told them if it was a community error, then they would expect to split the cost of moving it with the Academy. Dale will meet with the Academy to straighten things out. The Academy would also like to have the Town put in signs and crosswalks for the school. Also need to have School Zone signs and speed zone signs installed. Sam told them that the Town would install the speed signs at 25 miles per hour in the School Zone, but did not think the Town is responsible to put in the painted crosswalks on the road. The Town will put up the School Zone signs.

Dale told the Board they will need to be ordering the new radios which are mandatory to replace all the old out dated radios they have now.

Chad Whitehead, Engineer for Dufresne Group, came before board with two proposals for engineering on the Newark Street and also the Recycle Building. Emery said he had "Sticker Shock" on the proposals for both the Newark Street and the Recycle Building. The proposal for engineering on Newark Street was for \$38,000 and the Recycle Building was \$2,500. The Board said that the Recycle building only consists of three walls. They could not understand what is costing so much. Chad said the VTrans uses as a rule of thumb would be 10% of the total cost of the projects. Chad said they figured on 1.6 miles of retreatment. The Board told him to go back to his company and ask them to sharpen their pencils. Sam told him that the paving job will not be done this year but will be a project for next year.

VISITORS: Connie Knapp from the Frontier Animal Shelter came before the board to let them know what they offer and hopes to be able to work with the Town. Candi Dane, the new Animal Control Officer, was also in attendance and was grateful for the information and help that the Frontier Animal Shelter offers to the Town of Burke. One of the things that Ms. Knapp told the Board is that if the Town appropriates money to the Frontier Animal Shelter then that money is used toward the care of dogs sent in from Burke. If you do not appropriate a sum of money, then there would be a flat fee of \$60. If there is an appropriation, then the fee will be \$40 until the appropriation is used up. Ms. Knapp left a booklet full of information.

DAVE LAVELY, WELLS FARGO ADVISORS – Came before the Board again to give them an update as to what he has done since the last visit in July. Mr. Lavelly will be coming before the board on a yearly basis in the future to bring the board up to date on the Woodmont account. The Board signed the paperwork for current information of officers and an Investment Policy Statement, which explains what they have already discussed and have agreed to. Emery made a motion to allow the board to come in separately to sign the paperwork after it comes to the office.

CONSTABLE REPORT: Paul said that he has been busy with dogs and accidents. He assisted with the accident at the junction of 5 and 5A Saturday night. He had also been dealing with kids harassing people in Town. Paul will keep patrolling the town to see if he can catch them.

OTHER BUSINESS: Sam said that we need to get someone in to look at the ceiling at the meeting house to put in a new ceiling and clean up the mold. Emery will try to get in touch with Les Newland who is a drywall installer.

TAX RATE: Town Clerk, Priscilla Aldrich, presented the board with a breakdown of the 2011 tax rate with an explanation of how it was figured. The residential tax rate for the school has gone down by \$.03 and the non-residential rate has gone down by \$.05. The Town's rate has stayed the same as last year at \$.34. Emery made a motion to set the residential rate at \$1.6585 and the non-residential rate at \$1.7681. Darryel seconded. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board signed overweight permits and a road access permit.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The reviewed the payables and signed the warrant as submitted.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

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