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

**PRESENT:** Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Emery Noyes, Dale Hackett, Paul Gallant, Al Duey, Tim McGuire, Gerard Gingue and George Wagner.

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

**ROAD FORMAN REPORT** – Dale told the board that he has gone up to Walker Road and done a little grading. He has talked to Dee McDowell and all the residents on the road (13 or 14) are going to buy a load of gravel each and the road crew will spread it in the spring. The folks at the Burke Mt Academy were very pleased with the finished work that the Town crew had done on Alpine Lane.

Sam said that the State and the Feds have backed off on the sign replacement requirements and now the Town will only have to replace signs with the new regs only when a sign needs to be replaced.

The Board opened the gravel bids which were from George Wagner which is \$7.00 per cubic yard picked by Town trucks at either of their pits in East Burke.

David Patioine declined to place a bid until he has all of his Act 250 permits.

Gerard Gignue was present at the meeting told the board that he could bid \$3.75 and \$4.00 depending on what his moving fees would be, but if he could get 10,000 yards to be crushed this year then he would bid \$3.85/yard and the Town would be paying for 5,000 yards this year and 5,000 yards next year. But if he can only do 5,000 yards at a time then it would be more expensive. Gerard will be crushing in Bob Doyon's pit which is right in West Burke, which is close by. The board agreed to have Gignue crush 10,000 yards and the Town would pay for 5,000 this year and 5,000 next year. All in favor. Sam said if they were going to be short on money for gravel this year they would have to take out about \$10,000 from the winter sand fund and some out of the retreatment fund if needed.

Georgie Wagner came into the meeting after all the bids had been discussed. After some discussion with him the Board asked him if we needed gravel on his side of Town which is the East side of Town what would he charge to stock pile at his pit, he said that it would be \$6.80 for a

5000 yard pile and you could come and get it when they needed it. Georgie said that the Washburn pit would be the most desirable location. Emery said that they would talk to Dale and see what his needs are on that side of town.

The Board signed the loan payment papers with Community National Bank for the purchase of the new truck in the amount of \$108,400 we will use the \$50,000 budgeted to new equipment this year to make up the difference of the cost of the truck which is \$158,400.00. The loan is for three years at an interest rate of 2.45% with three payments of \$37,920.00. The first payment will be due September 12, 2012.

Emery suggested that we put the old truck up for sale (OLD GUS) which is the '93 International. Priscilla will put an ad in the paper for bids to be due at the next Selectboard meeting which is October 3, 2011.

Sam told the Board that there had been some issues concerning vacation and sick times . In the Employee Policy as it states now that if time is not taken it will be forfeited. Sam did not feel that any time earned should be forfeited. Darryel and Emery agreed. Sam felt that they should set a limit on what can be carried over and what could be paid for. The Board agreed that an employee can carry over one week and if not taken during the next year then it will be paid for on the employee's anniversary date. Sick time will be handled the same way, an employee can be accumulate up to 30 days. Anything over 30 days will be paid for on the employee's anniversary date.

Dale told the Board that the new radios for the Town trucks will be installed on Thursday.

**VISITORS:** Al Duey came to the board to see if there is an interest in getting a grant to help with GIS Mapping. Al said that grant application deadlines have been moved ahead which would give the town more time to apply. He feels that GIS mapping would be very helpful to the whole town in general including Listers, DRB and the Planning Commission. The Board suggested that Al consult the Listers to see what it is they would like to see come out of this grant. Emery said that if there is a co-pay to the town of \$2,500 or less, that would be acceptable. Al will work on this and try to beat the deadline which has been extended until September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Tim McQuire came before the Board to bring them up to date on what has gone on at the Mountain and what is in the future. He said that the wind turbine is up and running. They are installing a new high speed ski lift. They hope to have it up and running prior to Christmas week. They are starting the process with the DRB for real estate plans. They will be having the music Festival in the afternoon of the Fall Festival which will be held September 24, 2011. The new bike trails and lifts are working very well for the mountain bikers.

Howard Crawford stopped by the office to post his Caucus notice on the Clerk's Board and told the Selectboard that the work that was done on Alpine Lane was a great job, and wanted to complement the Town and Road crew on a job well done.

**CONSTABLE REPORT:** Paul asked that all dog calls go to Candy Dane the new dog catcher and not to him. He will get involved if it concerns dog bites. He will continue to help the State Police when needed and he Patrols the town for about an hour a day.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Sam said that he got a call from a Camp Road resident (Guy Herman) who would like the Town to take over Camp Road. Sam told him that he would have to bring the road up to Town class 3 standards. We will send him the instructions.

The Board discussed wages for Gail Weed who works in Recycle and is training employees who are making more money than she in other departments of the Town. Sam thought that she should be raised to \$10.00 per hour from \$9.85.

Emery said that he has found a forklift for the Town that will be going up in auction and he will be going to the auction to see if he can get a good price for it.

Sam said that he has been looking into purchasing another baler for the recycling center so they could do their plastic which takes a lot of plastic to make a bale and it holds up a baler from packing cardboard and newspaper products. If we can not make the addition this year then he would like to put the money into a baler.

The Board discussed a bid from Bruce Smith for renovating and waterproofing the basement of the Town Office which floods every time we get a great amount of rain. The Senior Meal site has a grant to help improve the interior of the building in the amount of \$3,000. It was unclear to the Board what the bid consisted of so they would like to meet with Mr. Smith to have him explain his bid. The Board has agreed that the work needs to be done soon. The Board will try to meet with Mr. Smith and Chris Evans on Tuesday at 2:00 pm.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** The Board reviewed the correspondence. There was no action taken.

**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,

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Town Clerk and Treasurer  
Town of Burke