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SELECTMENS MEETING
Town Clerk's Office
September 7, 2010

PRESENT: Emery Noyes Darryel Corrow, Sam Sanderson, Paul Gallant, Dale Hackett, Amy Nixon, Caledonian-Record.

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

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – The Board opened the bids for sand. Three bids were received. Riendeau Trucking's bid was \$3.35 delivered, \$2.35, picked up by the Town Trucks: Kermit Weed's bid was \$3.34 delivered, \$2.39, picked up by the Town Trucks: Double D's (DeLaBruere) bid was \$8.50 delivered, \$3.50, picked up by the Town Trucks. Dale said that they were not real happy with the quality of the Riendeau sand last year. The Board will meet at the Riendeau pit Friday at 10:30 a.m. with Mr. Riendeau and Dale to take a look at the quality.

Dale told the Board that Will Ware is training on the grader and seems to be doing very well. Dale has also ordered tires for the Rubbish Truck.

The Board felt that Gray's Paving did a good job on paving the Town Office yard.

VISTORS: None

CONSTABLE REPORT: Paul said that he had received complaints from Condo owners about nuisance dogs at the Condos on the Mountain. Judy Crawford wrote quite a lengthy letter asking him to do something about the dogs that are out of control. Paul has gone to talk to the owners and feels that the dogs are kept on their own property and he does not feel that it is a town issue. Emery said that it should be dealt with the Condo Association because it is common land. We will forward the letter to the Condo association.

OTHER BUSINESS: In the correspondence there was an article concerning the demolition of the East Burke Dam. It was voted on by the Town to retain the Dam. Passumpsic Valley Trust owns the Dam now.

The Selectboard reviewed the Australian Ballot that will be voted on at the General Election. The Ballot states "Shall the voters of Burke vote to change the traditional Town Meeting day from the first Tuesday in March to the first Monday evening in March at 6:00 p.m. to conduct all Town business?". We will schedule a public hearing at our October Selectmen's meeting. If it passes the Town will hold their meeting on Monday

evening starting at 6:00 p.m. and the School meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. or as soon as the Town business is completed.

Priscilla discussed with the Board the idea of extending the due date for property taxes to November 1st. The reason being the State does not do their final download for tax adjustments until September 15th, our tax bills normally go out the end of July or first of August and we have to do a lot of adjusting and sending out revised tax bills. The board did not see a problem with that so the taxpayers at Town Meeting will vote it on in March.

The mulch that was delivered to the Darling Park in East Burke still has not been picked up yet. Emery suggested we give the owner a call and give him a deadline of 10 days to pick it up or we would dispose of it on our own.

HOW TO HANDLE COMPLAINTS FOR ZONING VIOLATIONS The DRB has requested that the Town clamp down on zoning violators. The Selectboard said that they would not take anonymous calls. They want to have the complaint documented. It is the Boards policy to have someone send in the complaint in writing or come to the Selectboard meeting and be put on the agenda. If the complaint is documented then the Board will then discuss it with the Zoning Administrator. The board has agreed to pay the ZA \$11.00 per hour plus mileage for any violations he is working on.

All complaints will be going through the Selectboard.

The Board will sign a formal policy at their October Selectboard meeting.

The Board reviewed the correspondence. The only action to be taken is to send the letter from Judy Crawford concerning dogs problem at the Mountain Brook Condos to the Condo Association.

The Board reviewed the payables and signed the warrant as submitted.

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