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**PRESENT:** Darryel Corrow, Sam Sanderson, Emery Noyes, Dale Hackett, Paul Gallant, Judy Smith, Sandra Smith, Scott Spencer and Linda Britt

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

**ROAD FOREMAN:** Dale told the Selectboard that things were going along fine at this time. No major issues. Sam told Dale there would be no raises this year for any of the Town employees. The major issue is that the health insurance has gone up a lot. So in order to keep the costs down, they have decided it would be best not to give raises and keep the insurance benefits as is and not ask the employees to chip in anymore than they already do and the Town would absorb the increase in the insurance which he figures is equal to a 4% raise.

They also told Dale that they need to keep the budget as tight as possible this year because of economy and costs increases, etc.

**VISITORS:** Linda Britt, from the Burke Senior Meal site came before the Board to present them with a schedule the Senior meal site would be using. She and the Board discussed progress of the construction of the new building. It is close to being done and a lot of final things need to be looked at.

Sandra Smith and Judy Smith came before the Board to be sure there were no questions on their liquor license as they are the new owners of the West Burke Quick stop. There were no questions.

Dave Ormiston came before the Board to request assistance from the Town to get a grant for biking signs along the East Darling Hill Road. The Board told them that we could order the signs and put them up in the spring. The Town will get him an estimate for the grant and he will get the grant funds. He will be in touch with Laurel Ruggles from NVRH who is offering the grant.

Dave also asked the Board if there is anything that the Town could do to clear the sidewalks in East Burke of snow. This makes a very dangerous situation for pedestrians. The board explained to Dave that they are owned by the State and the State refuses to take care of them. The only thing that they could suggest is to have each property owner clear the walks out in front of their own property. They told him of the past dealings with the State and do not get any cooperation. After a lengthy discussion, the Board told him the Town would support a sidewalk project if he could get something going.

Traci Surridge and daughter came before the Board to present them with a check in the amount of \$1,005.00 to be donated to the Senior Meal Site. The money was raised by doing a bingo at school and Modern Woodmen matched the funds 50/50.

**CONSTABLE REPORT:** Paul Gallant told the Board that there was not much activity in the prior month. The Selectboard did ask Paul to be frugal with his budget this year if he could. But told him to do what has to be done. But to look for ways that he can save.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The Board signed liquor licenses;

- road access permit for Gibavic on the Marshall Newland Road,
- Allonge agreement which changes due dates on the Ham Property and grader loan to a date after property taxes come in,
- Signed a small grant from VLCT for the Security System
- Set public hearing as requested by the DRB members for a public hearing to remove a committee member to January 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m, at the Town Clerk's office. Priscilla will sent Carol Krochak a certified letter notifying her of the hearing.
- Signed Certificate of Highway Mileage
- Signed letter to the Meal site state they were donating a gas cook stove for a value of \$1,500.
- Set Public Budget meeting for Friday, January 15, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.

Reviewed correspondence. Letter sent by the Lyndon Rescue stated that Mike Harris has suggested a grant for fibrillaters for the new Senior Meal Site.

The Board reviewed and signed the warrant to pay bills 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