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SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES
January 3, 2011

PRESENT: Emery Noyes, Sam Sanderson, Darryel Corrow, Dale Hackett, Paul Gallant, Al Duey, Carol Krochak.

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

ROAD FOREMAN – Dale said that they have been grading the roads. There has not been much snow to take care of at this point. Emery told him that in the Spring that they should consider putting up guardrails along the right side going south of Bugbee Crossing Road after crossing the bridge. There is quite a drop off. They will take a look at it.

Sam told Dale that the Board has decided they could give raises of \$.35 straight across the board for everyone. That is greatly appreciated.

VISITORS: Al Duey came before the Board to tell them that the Town of Burke has been awarded another Municipal Planning Grant to do more advanced work on the recommendations that were made several years ago in the East Burke Transportation corridor by NVDA and RSG and the state.

Al and Dave Ormiston have been meeting with Tim McQuire and Tim Tiereny and Doug Morton at NVDA to go over some of the materials from the study to see if any of it made sense and the are all in agreement that it made sense. Tim Mcquire and Tim Tiereny have agreed to put some money down to help with the costs of this study.

The other reason Al attended the meeting was to bring to the Board sample ordinances from the Towns of Brandon and Ludlow concerning vendors. He wants the Board to go through them and advise what would fit for the Town of Burke when they write the vendor ordinance.

Sam mentioned to Al that the Board would like to keep the curbcut approval early in the subdivision process and not let it wait until they have been through most of the permit process.

CONSTABLE REPORT Paul Gallant has not had much going on except for an abandon car that was at the Darling Park. Someone has finally taken it away .

OTHER BUSINESS: - Public hearing for the 2011 proposed budget. - Carol Krochak – questioned the reasoning for the income from subdivision permits being posted under the Planning category. She thought it would make more sense for it to be under the DRB section, as the Planning commission does not do subdivision permits any more. Priscilla said that it was just never changed at the time and it was an easy formatting procedure and will get that fixed.

The Board opened the Bids for the ARRA Federal Block Grant Project which will upgrade all the electrical outlets and light fixtures in the Town Office building. Bids received were from Alec Henderson dba as Sutton River Electric for the amount of \$14,800 and the other bid was from Joe Frangiosa dba Catamount Electric with a bid of \$15,840. Emery made a motion to accept the bid of Sutton River Electric. Sam seconded.

The Board signed a line of credit loan with Community National Bank in the amount of \$538,186.03.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board read a letter from Linda Britt, Senior Meal bingo fundraiser, asking if they needed to pay the full hall rent if they have a bad night at Bingo. They did not even make enough the last Saturday to pay the full amount of \$75 Sam said that in the past Courageous Steps have paid half of the gross up to \$150.00. The Board also discussed the amount of money that goes into the jackpot each week. Emery felt that all the teams should be putting in the same amount of money to make it equal contributions to the jackpot. It was suggested that each team have and grow their own jackpots.

The board was told that the new Senior meal site manager is asking to bring dividers up from downstairs to put in the Community Building so she can put her desk behind it because it is too cold downstairs for her to work. Emery said that there is not enough room to have any more stuff out there. He suggested that he call Stuart Miles to come over and button things up and that should help with the cold air coming in.

The Board discussed the Darling Fund Account which at Passumpsic Savings Bank. The fund has not grown at a very good rate. Emery would like to move that fund out of PSB and give it to a local company. Larry Chippolone, a Burke resident, is manager/owner of Edward Jones in St. Johnsbury. Emery would like to invite him to the February meeting to discuss moving the Darling fund and having him manage it in hopes that it will grow a little better.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: The Board reviewed the bills, signed the warrant to pay the bills as presented.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Priscilla Aldrich, cvc, cvt
Town Clerk and Treasurer