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PRESENT: Emery Noyes, Darryel Corrow, Sam Sanderson, Paul Gallant, Dale Hackett, Carol Krochak, Doug and Sharon Kittridge, Mark Daigle, Rick Hackett, Gary Schy

INFORMATIONAL HEARING ON CHANGING TOWN MEETING DATE

Emery opened the informational meeting to get public input on changing the traditional Town Meeting from the first Tuesday in March to the first Monday in March. The reasoning for this is so that we can do all town business on Monday evening in conjunction with the informational meeting because there are only a very few public questions to vote on and it would save voters from coming back for only an hour or so on Tuesday morning. It will also allow the voting booths to open at 8:00 a.m. instead of 10:00 a.m.

There were no public comments or objections.

Emery closed the informational meeting.

SELECTMENS MEETING

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

ROAD FOREMAN REPORT – Emery suggested to Dale that in the future when they had extra paving money they he should do extra paving on both sides of railroad tracks so that it would make it easier on the entrance to the tracks and also snow plowing.

VISTORS: **Sharon and Doug Kittridge**, Sugarhouse Road. Mr. Kittridge told the board that they have been getting water runoff from the road that is going down in their basement and asked if there was anything that the Town could do to help. Dale has already put in some diversion ditches, which seem to help when there is a small amount of rain but when there is torrential down pour that we get occasionally, it does not seem to take care of it. He suggested that the town put in a culvert to divert the water to the other side of the road. Dale said that he would go up and clean up some of the silt that has built up and seem if he can get it to work again before they go to the expense of a culvert. The Kittredge's are okay with that.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR: The Board had Mark review the policy for the violations. Sam mentioned that he would like to add to the first line of the policy to include that a person could attend a public hearing of the Selectboard and have it put in the records. After a short discussion the Board signed the Violation, which becomes effective immediately.

Oscar Farm project: Owner Gary Schy was in attendance to discuss his need for a permit for a working farm and to explain to the Board what he is doing and what his plans for the farm. He said that he has contacted Act 250 and they told him that he does not need a State permit. Sam mentioned Mr. Schy's website and how impressive it was. Mr. Schy's says his website is pretty misleading and is going to change that. He has only had friends and relatives working on the farm. Emery advised him that he needs to get his Town permits before he begins building. Basically, Mr. Schy stated that he like to give people the experience of nature to those who would not be able to otherwise. After much discussion, Mr. Schy needs to get permits prior to starting his project, no matter what he calls it. Mr. Schy said that he would work with Mark.

Mike Harris came before the boards to discuss the Dry Hydrant grant. The dry hydrant will be installed on the Hayden Crossing Road. He told the board that the dry hydrant would be install at the end of this week by Friday or Saturday. Mike told the Board that the grant was for \$2,500 and the Town would be responsible for 25% of the costs, which can be "in-kind". He estimates the cost should be \$3,400 to \$3,500.

Mike also told the board that they would be doing repairs on a dry hydrant on "East Street" (Burke Hollow Road) and they would also be tearing up the side walk at the same time. Mike also requested to have guardrails around the dry hydrant near the fire station.

Mike wanted to clarify that the intend of the special meeting with the DRB, Selectboard and Planning Commission was only to be sure that everyone was on the same page with the handling of the Zoning Violation process. Mike felt that the ZA should be checking on permits that are in process to be sure they are in compliance with the permits.

Sam told Mike that there would be times when the permits would come to the DRB not 100% ready because they may have questions in a grey area that the DRB needs to be consulted.

Rick Hackett, Cemetery Sexton came before the board to present a quote for a new commercial lawn mower for the cemeteries. The quote that he has is \$6,235. He said that the State of Vermont has a program that would give the town a rebate and he would trade in two of the older mowers toward it. Emery told him that they would look into that at budget time.

Rick also told the board that there is a water leak at the Woodmont Cemetery. Sam will contact George Willy to see if they will repair it and get the water turned back on.

CONSTABLE REPORT: Paul believes that the dog situation on the Mountain have been resolved. Other than that he has nothing to offer.

OTHER BUSINESS: Carol Krochak asked the Board if there would be a fee if Burke residents wanted to use the Community center for Contra Dancing. Emery told her that the charge will stand at \$75. per day. Sam suggested that she charge participates.

CORRESPONDENCE: The Board read a letter from Linda Britt asking the to have the fee of \$75.00 waved for a turkey dinner to be served to people that do not have anywhere else to go. The board approved.

A request from Tim McQuire for a letter of support from the Town of Burke for a Wind Tower that they want to put up on the mountain was discussed. They want to know if there has been any public optimism about it? Sam suggested that we write a letter that states that as a Board they have no objections and will only be speaking for the board and not the public. They have not heard of any negative comments from the public on the project for the wind tower.\ project.

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