



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 14, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford & Brian Kellogg, Eric Dodge.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief; Corey Boisvert, Acting EMS Chief, & Tina Sweet, Finance Director.

Guests: Richard Sargent, Matt & Renee Nadeau, Allen VanAnda, Yvette Mason, Laura Streets, Craig Myotte, Andrew Martin, Todd Deuso, Dan Cupp, Randy Beor, and Warren Coleman.

**Bob Beeman called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

### **I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

1. Add Sign Copley Trust Warning
2. Appoint Public Official- Possible Executive Session

### **II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve minutes of January 2, 2019, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0).**

**Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve minutes of January 7, 2019, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)**

### **III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

1. Richard Sargent would like the Selectboard to include money to repaint the brick looking sidewalk. Todd Thomas gave him a price is about \$4500, but Dan Lindley thinks it may be more than this as it is a special paint that is used.

### **IV. LIQUOR CONTROL**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to go into Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Liquor License Renewals as presented, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to exit Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**V. OLD BUSINESS-**

**1. Pavement Cut for Cottage Street-** Graham Mink would like to make a pavement cut to install a water line. The Highway Department is concerned about cutting pavement this time of year due to frost. The Highway Department requested that if it's to be cut now they would like the gravel to be compacted and put a top coat of concrete at the site.

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve pavement cut with compacted gravel & surface coat of concrete as suggested by the Highway Department. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**2. Public Comment for Sewer Ordinance-** Craig Myotte & Todd Deuso representatives from Morrisville Water & Light and the Village Trustees discussed the impact the changes in the Sewer Ordinance would have on local business. There were many concerns over cost of the new fee structure for BOD. The new fee structure could mean a 1,320% increase for RockArt Brewery. Lost Nation, RockArt and Butternut Mountain would be the most impacted businesses of the new fee structure. The Trustees have been testing lines to figure out where the bulk of the BOD is coming from. Lost Nation has implemented best practices for waste water treatment at their brewery and are currently producing 25lbs/day of BOD, which is well under what they are allocated for. Butternut Mountain Farms has taken measures to reduce their BOD. Given the testing that has been done, Morrisville Water & Light is still not sure where the bulk of the BOD is coming from. The Trustees hope to have the Sewer Ordinance updated and in place by April, but the new fee structure would not go into effect for a year from the adoption date to give the businesses that it effects time to make changes.

**3. State Stormwater Permit-** The State is asking the Selectboard to reconsider their stand on the Stormwater Permit and fees. By agreeing to the permit we would give up local control over how our roads are maintained. The rules of the permit can be changed at any time with a change in legislation. Once we sign the permit we are committed. There are other Towns that have opted out as well. The Selectboard once again decided not to take action on the Stormwater Permit.

**4. Approve FY19/20Budget-** Table until after the Contractual under Other Business

**5. FY 18/19 Pay Scale Revision-** Changes were made to positions and grades. Lister Coordinator moved from Grade 4 to Grade 3.

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept FY 18/19 Pay Scale as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**VI. NEW BUSINESS-**

**1. Selectboard Signed Warning for Copley Trust Fund**

- 2. Parcel Swap with R.K. Miles-** R.K. Miles is expanding and would like to swap a piece of land the Town owns for a piece of land that they own. This will allow additional Town parkig in the future. R.K. Miles is also going to donate lumber for the new bathrooms that are to be installed.

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve parcel swap with R.K. Miles as indicated on the map as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Brian Kellogg left at 7:40PM**

**VII. WARRANTS**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve warrants through January 14, 2019, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)**

**VIII. TA REPORT**

- The Town is retaining Counsel for Tax Sale law suit.
- Article for reducing Business Personnel Property Tax reducing over 3 years by 25% per year.

**IX. SELECT BOARD CONCERNS**

**Chris Towne**

- Not Present

**Brian Kellogg**

- Not Present

**Eric Dodge**

- Talking about new truck purchase with highway department. Dan says we will need to go out to bid for this.

**Bob Beeman**

- None

**Judy Bickford**

- None

**XI. ADJOURN**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee under the provisions of Title 1 section 313(3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; . Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of Contractual Agreements with the Police Union will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss the town's Contractual Agreements with the Police Union under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley and Chief Richard Keith. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)**

**Motion made by Judy Bickford to come out of Executive Session, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (3/0)**

**Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the FY2019/2020 Budget as presented with a 3% overall increase. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (3/0)**

**Motion by Judy Bickford to authorize the Town Administrator to offer the part-time permanent position of Assessor, not to exceed an average of 16 hours per week, to Terri Sabens at \$30.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried.(3/0)**

**Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn at 9:00PM. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge Motion carried. (3/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 14th day of January  
Erica Allen, Scribe

**Please note all minute are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.**