



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 2, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford & Chris Towne.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk & Treasurer; Charlie McArthur, Listing Coordinator & Tina Sweet, Finance Director.

Guests: Paula Beattie, Gary Nolan, Tyler Mumley, Duane Sprague, Richard Tomlinson, Donald Blake, Ray Belanger, Susan Sinnott, Tyler Morway, Robert West, Kathy Sculer, Donald Matura, Gary Nolan, Lioa Mattil.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Delete Pavment Cut For Graham Mink
2. Recind Motion for Waiving Tax Bills \$5.00 & Under

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve minutes of December 17, 2018, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0).

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. David Bickford just wanted to touch base with the Selectboard and update them on what is happening in the School District (EMUSD). They are currently pursuing a lawsuit against the State regarding the mandatory Act 46. They also do not plan to have a bond vote on a new gymnasium at this time. David said that he will be coming periodically to keep communication open between the Schoolboard.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. NEW BUSINESS-

1. **A Street to B Street Cost Adjustment-** The asphalt price per ton increased from the time the contract was signed to the time the asphalt was layed. The price increased from \$466/ton to \$599/ton. Total increase amount is \$4965.86.

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve the price adjustment for asphalt for the A Street to B Street project. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

2. **Request to Take over James Road-** Request to take over James Road due to the change the Selectboard made at the last meeting that dead end roads would be approved on a case by case basis. Road acceptance follows the State Statute. There is a process that needs to occur such as notifying neighbors, site visit of the road by the Selectboard. A survey needs to be completed and the road needs to be deeded to the Town. There is a set criteria that a developer would need to adhere to in order for a road to be considered. The Selectboard and Dan Lindley, Town Administrator will work with the highway department to discuss roads that may meet the criteria. Taking on more roads will mean an increase in equipment and man power.
3. **Rescind Vote-** Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer talked with VLCT and they stated that the Selectboard does not have the authority to waive tax bills. Sara would like the Selectboard to rescind their motion from last meeting to waive Tax Bills that were \$5.00 or less.

Motion made Chris Towne to rescind motion to waive tax bills that are \$5.00 or less. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS-

1. **Rename Private Road-** Gary Nolan would like to rename Village Limits Lane to Douglass Lane.

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve name change for Village Limits Lane to Douglass Lane. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

2. **Jersey Heights Road Takeover-** Discussed Jersey Height subdivision and if the Town would be willing to take the roads over. The cost to the developer is less if it is not built to Town specs, but the cost to the home owner is more if it is not a Town maintained road. The Selectboard and Town Administrator will continue to work with the highway department on what it will mean in man power and equipment cost to take this on as well as the other roads that will come up that meet the Town Standards.
3. **Sewer Ordinance Review-** Dan Lindley, Town Administrator would like to keep on the same schedule as the Village Trustees. Dan would like to have the informational meeting on January 14, 2019.
4. **Extend Temporary Full Time position at EMS-** Corey Boisvert would like to extend Jason Graves as full time temporary until February 2, 2019.

Motion made by Chris Towne to extend Full Time Temporary Position for Jason Graves until February 2, 2019. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

VII. WARRANTS

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve warrants through January 2, 2019, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

VIII. TA REPORT

- Budget Meeting January 7, 2019 6PM
- Talked about removing the Personnel Equipment Tax, we receive approximately \$98,000 in tax base.
- Final Approval on Budget is January 14th. The Warning needs to be signed by the 28th.

IX. SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne

- None

Brian Kellogg

- Not Present

Eric Dodge

- Not Present

Bob Beeman

- None

Judy Bickford

- Thank you to all the volunteers going out at night to fight fires and respond to calls. Would like to see something similar in the paper as the Police Report for the Fire & EMS Departments.

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Towne 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; Charlie McArthur, Lister Coordinator; Duane Sprague, Lister; Richard Tomlinson, Lister; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk. . Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Judy Bickford to come out of executive Session, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion by Judy Bickford to move the Listing Coordinator Position from Paygrade 4 to Paygrade 3 on the Morristown Compensation Pay Plan. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Chris Towne to authorize the Town Administrator to offer the full-time permanent position of Lister Coordinator to Abigail Patch at a paygrade 3, step 1 currently at a pay rate of \$16.83 per hour. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn at 7:25PM, seconded by Chris Towne Motion carried. (3/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 3rd day of January
Erica Allen, Scribe

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