



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF January 18, 2018

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Yvette Mason and Chris Towne

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Richard Keith, Police Chief, Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS; Todd Thomas, Zoning Director; and Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator.

Guests: Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director, Andrew Martin, Chris Ransom, Roy Marble, and Billi Dunham.

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

None

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve minutes of January 2, 2018, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Chris Ransom is working on plans to clean up his building. He hopes to have a good start on it by spring.
- Billi Dunham asked the Selectboard to waive the request for petition for "Everyone = Morristown Community Center" to be put on the Town Warning for \$10,000. The center is not fully setup or funded yet. They are still waiting for state funding to be processed. Sara Haskins stated that the deadline for petitions was today. It has been past practice that new nonprofits get 5% of the voter's signature on a petition in order to be added to the Town Warning for Town Meeting.

Motion made by Yvette Mason to waive requirement for petition [signed by 5% of voters] and add to the warning under Article 16, motion seconded by Chris Towne.

Discussion:

Member Chris expressed concern with waiving the requirement of a petition for an organization that was not completely set-up or funded yet. Member Eric expressed concern with bypassing the process of collecting signatures for a petition. They felt that it was a great idea but would really like to see them get a petition. Billi asked if it could be voted on from the floor. Sara Haskins, Town Clerk said she would have to check with the Secretary of State. It could be added to the warning as a separate article rather than lumped with the others. Member Yvette thought this to be a better idea rather than added to Article 16 with the other nonprofits.

Motion made by Yvette Mason to amend her previous motion to waive requirement for petition and add to Article 16 on Town Warning, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Yvette Mason to approve adding Everyone = Morristown Community Center to the Town Warning as a separate Article for \$10,000 and to waive the requirement for a petition, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion failed. (0/5)

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to enter as Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve liquor renewals as presented, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

<u>Applicant:</u>	<u>Liquor/Class:</u>	<u>Outside consumption:</u>
Slimpoint (Riverbend Market)	2 nd	No
Morristown House of Pizza	1 st	No
RL Valle (Maplefields)	2 nd	No
RL Valle (Stowe Road Market)	2 nd	No
Black Diamond BBQ	1 st	Yes

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve new liquor license for POM Enterprise, Inc. FKA- Pizza on Main, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion made by Brian Kellogg, to approve Highway Mileage Certificate, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Discuss Draft Warning- Article 10 has been updated to show “no postmarked tax payments will be accepted”. They must be in the Town Treasurers hand by the date they are due. Selectboard were concerned that Town Meeting would not be enough notice for residents to plan as not many attend Town Meeting. Sara plans to send out notices with tax bills. This article would not take effect until November 2018.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Article 10 as written, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (3/2 Bob Beeman and Chris Towne Voted No.)

3. Discuss Oxbow Park Policy/Application- Tricia Follert would like to see a few changes to the Oxbow Park Application such as adding a line for organization, fencing property, charging a fee and whether they are nonprofit or not. Also discussed making the park a smoke and tobacco free park. Before adding a fee for use, the Selectboard would like to wait until the bathrooms are voted on at Town Meeting.

Motion made by Chris Towne to put up signs for Oxbow Park making it a smoke & tobacco free park, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Lister Cards-** Cards are back in there original spot in the listers office. They are updated and current. The listers have posted a disclaimer.

VIII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Warrants through January 18, 2018, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

IX. TA REPORT

- Carol's retirement will be held Feb. 16, 3-7 at the VFW.
- New Loader has arrived and so far it is well received.
- We had some damage from the rain storm to Randolph Rd.
- Highway has been super buys with rain, ice, snow. They are working on getting sidewalks cleared up, it is finally warm enough for the salt to work and they plan to work on potholes Monday.
- Looked in to the indexing of our website. Erica sent request to Google to be updated.
- Paving budget \$210K left over from last year. Will be asking the Selectboard to roll over for next paving budget.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Eric Dodge-** Will we have a target list for next year paving to bring to Town Meeting.? Can we talk to Water & Light and find out what their project list for this coming construction season? Have heard a lot of criticism regarding the Highway Department. They cannot control the weather. They do their best to make our streets and roads safe, clean & clear.
- **Bob Beeman-** None
- **Chris Towne-** None
- **Brian Kellogg-** None
- **Yvette Mason-**None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sara Haskins mentioned the article in the News & Citizen about Francis. Also Sara and Francis have been working with the 10-11 graders at People's Academy with their government class.

XII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 8:45PM, seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19th day of January, 2018

Erica Allen, Scribe

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