



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF April 9, 2018

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator

Guests: Melissa LeBlanc, Laura Streets, Howard Manosh, Jeff Manosh, Christina Rumery, Justin Pittnaro, Ron Bomer, Linda Greaves, Steve Libby, Kelby Benson, Stephen Benson, Dirk Schmidt, Don Avery, Andrew Martin, and Elizabeth Chase

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add appoint new volunteer EMS to New Business
2. Add approve bid A Street to B Street project

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of March 26, 2018, motion seconded by Eric Dodge with changes to page 2 under V New Business #2 to remove Nick DeNoia, to just say applicant. Motion carried. (3/0) Chris Towne abstained.

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Justin Pittnaro presented two options for traffic flow and safety concerns regarding the area at the bottom of People's Academy Hill. Option 1 would be to replace Summer St with a larger street. Option 2 would be to keep Summer St and turn the area into a roundabout. Dan Lindley; Town Administrator stated they've looked at several options and Bob stated there has been a traffic study done in the past. Dan and the Selectboard would recommend scheduling a time to go look at the area of concern to try and figure out a solution. Justin would also like to see a flashing pedestrian sign there too.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to enter as Board of Liquor control, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve liquor renewals as presented, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

<u>Applicant:</u>	<u>Liquor Class :</u>	<u>Outside Consumption :</u>
POM Enterprises Inc (Pizza on Main)	1 st	Yes
DG retail, LLC (Dollar General)	2 nd	No
Sharon McGaughline (The 10th Hole)	1 st	Yes
Charlmont Restaurant	1 st	No

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to exit as Board of Liquor Control motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Machinery & Equipment Tax/Meals & Rooms Tax (joint meeting with Planning Council)- Todd Thomas and Planning Council discussed the topics with local small business owners. Morristown is the only town in the county to collect equipment tax. The Selectboard, would like to see this tax phased out in the upcoming years. They will take the budget into consideration when making a final decision. Stephen Benson thinks collecting Meals & Rooms tax will have a tremendous affect and would be a mistake for Morristown. It is recommended to have these topics as two separate Agenda items in the future.

2. Discuss DEC Acquiring Land Easements- Steve Libby of VT River Conservancy has been working with Tom Stearns, owner of High Mowing Seeds. This easement would allow Tom's property to flood more gently & naturally after re-grading of the land. The Selectboard and Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator, have concerns with the long term affects this will have with the grand list and not being able to develop this entire parcel. It is recommended to schedule a time with Dan Lindley and Todd Thomas to work out options with this easement.

3. Approve & Sign Annual Financial Plan- Town Highway- This Plan is submitted on an annual basis to the State of Vermont based off the budget. This is used to calculate the level at when the state will assist with small emergency projects.

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve the Town Highway Annual Financial Plan, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

4. Review Town Road Standards- Roland Boivin; Highway Foreman and Dan Lindley; Town Administrator would recommend not adopting the standards. Adopting the Town Road standards would exclude us from using some of our materials and would force us to purchase crushed gravel.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adopt the Town Road Standards, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion fails. (0/4)

5. Review & Approve Contract for The Police Roof Replacement- The Town received three bids. Chief Keith recommends Burrell, which is within the budget and is guaranteed for 30 years.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Police Roof Contract of \$36,000 submitted by Burrell, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. Review & Approve Contract for Purchase of Ambulance- The bid is \$216,839. Cost estimated at \$250,000 which includes replacing a stair chair & stretcher.
Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve entire amount and authorize North Eastern as a sole source vendor& authorize Dan to sign the contract, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

7. Review & Approve Purchase of Highway Truck- The Selectboard discussed the three estimates submitted. Roland Boivin; Highway Foreman recommends the Dodge since it has a heavier frame & works better with their plow. A decision was made to table this agenda topic until Roland can be present.
Motion made by Brian Kellogg to table approval of purchase of highway truck until further discussion with Roland Boivin, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

8. Approve Promotion of Highway Employee Robert Cookson-
Motion made by Eric Dodge to promote Robert Cookson to a Highway Tech 3, Step 1 position with an hourly pay of \$19.24 in the Morristown Highway Department, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

9. Appoint New Volunteer EMS- Michelle Lafee would like to volunteer for our EMS squad. She has been a member of Stowe EMS, but has never served on our squad in the past.
Motion made by Chris Towne to appoint Michelle Lafee as a volunteer employee of the EMS department, motion seconded Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

10. Approve bid for A Street to B Street Project-
Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the \$411,303.35 bid submitted by Blow and Cote, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Approve Contempt of Court Motion- Board of Health Convened at 7:10pm.
Board of Health Member Brian Kellogg moves to authorize Todd Thomas to have Tim Sargent, Town Attorney, draft and submit a motion to have Andrea Rand found in Contempt of Court for nonpayment of fines and to authorize Todd Thomas to sign this motion on behalf of the town, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0) Bob Beeman called us back into regular meeting at 7:11pm.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Warrants through April 9, 2018, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

IX. TA REPORT

- Interior painting done. Contractor did a great job. We all worked together to get things moved.
- In the process of getting estimates on carpeting so haven't moved all furniture back.
- There are issues transferring to the Cloud- server with the NEMRC programs freezing up but techs are working on a solution, which might involve a \$1400 per year fee. We are now operating off the remote server.
- Tina's new assistant is starting next week which will be helpful since Tina has been busy.
- Erica is out for a couple of weeks.
- Mud season is next so road crew is being proactive with potholes.
- A Street to B Street project starting May 15th

X. SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne

- none

Brian Kellogg

- When are the crosswalks being painted? Dan stated- Doug is starting to sweep soon.

Eric Dodge

- Broken off mail box post on Harrell St

Bob Beeman

- Mobile van services with Vermont Cares offering new syringes and a place to dispose of them safely. Lots of negative feedback on social media. EMS has agreed to allow them to park in the parking lot behind the EMS building.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Don Avery voiced concerns with the disk golf course and would like to meet with Matt Martell, Property owners, Todd Thomas, and Tricia Follert to clear up any confusion the public might have regarding the disk golf project.

XII. ADJOURN

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 7:40pm, seconded by Brian Kellogg.
Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 9th day of April 2018.
Elizabeth Chase, Scribe

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