



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2018

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tina Sweet, Finance Director, and Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief.

Guests: Andrew Martin, News & Citizen;

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Quit Claim Deed for Leased Land

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of July 30, 2018, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of August 1, 2018, with changes to add request to contain invasive species in the reclamation process in the current pit location, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (3/0) Brian Abstained.

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer/ Delinquent Tax Collector** presented a list of properties to be turned over to Sargent Law office to begin tax sale proceedings. These have been delinquent since May.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the relinquishment of delinquent taxes to Sargent Law Office, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. **Oxbow Park Application Request-** Troy Richards is requesting use of the Oxbow for a June 2, 2019, a wedding event. Hours of the event would be 6PM-10PM.

Motion by Brian Kellogg to approve event at the Oxbow, motion seconded by Eric Dodge.

Discussion-

Selectboard discussed setting a fee schedule for future bookings of the Oxbow. Currently, there is no fee to use the Park or the power. The bathrooms should be completed by July. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator suggested that we discuss options at the budget time. Also discussed no alcohol at the park unless catered by a licensed catering service. Need to verify the band end time [10PM or 12PM]

Motion carried. (4/0)

- 3. Personnel Policy Addition-** Tina Sweet, Finance Director would like to add Section 19: Mandatory Direct Deposit to the Personnel Policy. This would be for all new employees hired.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adopt Section 19: Mandatory Direct Deposit to the Personnel Policy, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

- 4. Water Shed Permit (MRPG)** –This is a Municipal Roads General Permit issued by the State of Vermont Environmental Conservation. There are several fees that go along with this permit. An administrative processing fee of \$240, an application review fee of \$400 and there is an annual operating fee of \$1800. The Selectboard felt that this was a strong arm approach to get the Town to adopt the Road and Bridge Standards that are put forth each year by the State. It would cost not only Morrystown taxpayers but other Town's taxpayers substantial funds to bring their roads up to the Standards the State has set forth.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Municipal Roads General Permit, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion failed. (0/3) Judy did not vote.

- 5. Darling Road Trimming-** We received 2 bids for brush cutting on Darling Road. Chad Bradshaw bid \$3500, and Trees R Us bid \$7,200.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept the bid from Chad Bradshaw. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. Tax Rates-

TOWN TAX RATE					
Voted					
FY 7-1-18 to 6-30-19			LAST YEAR	DIFFERENCE	
				\$	%
HOMESTEAD TAX RATE:					
Municipal	\$ 0.5739	\$	0.5243	\$	0.0496
Highway	\$ 0.2890	\$	0.3283	\$	(0.0393)
Local agreement	\$ 0.0015	\$	0.0015	\$	-
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.8644	\$	0.8541	\$	0.0103 1.21%
EDUCATION RATE:	\$ 1.3797	\$	1.3819	\$	(0.0022) -0.16%
HOMESTEAD TAX RATE	\$ 2.2441	\$	2.2360	\$	0.0081 0.36%
(per hundred of assessed value)					

NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE:					
Municipal	\$ 0.5739	\$	0.5243	\$	0.0496
Highway	\$ 0.2890	\$	0.3283	\$	(0.0393)
Local agreement	\$ 0.0015	\$	0.0015	\$	-
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.8644	\$	0.8541	\$	0.0103 1.21%
EDUCATION RATE:	\$ 1.5407	\$	1.4979	\$	0.0428 2.86%
NON-RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE	\$ 2.4051	\$	2.3520	\$	0.0531 2.26%
(per hundred of assessed value)					

Motion made by Eric Dodge to set Municipal Tax Rate at 0.8644, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Residential Education tax rate of \$1.3797, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric to accept Non Residential Tax Rate of \$1.5407, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

- 7. Quit Claim Deed-** Lawrence Gardner & Susan Woolridge would like the Town to release their interest in their land.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the release of leased lands, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Approve Bids for Sidewalk Construction-** Dan Lindley, Town Administrator asked the bidders to be more specific in their bids proposal. Jim Bradley's bid came back at \$13,800 and Dale Tatro's was \$15,000.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept the bid from Jim Bradley, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. **Purchase Extractor-** Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief would like to purchase an extractor & dryer for washing and drying their fire gear. The purchase price is \$29,543.16

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the purchase of Extractor/Dryer in an amount not to exceed \$29,543.16, to be funded by the current budget amount of \$7200 and the balance to come out of Fire Building Reserves. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

VII. WARRANTS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve warrants through August 13, 2018, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

VIII. TA REPORT

- Met with the State last week on the Class I Paving project for 2019. Working on getting flashing lights as part of the project for the Senior Center crosswalk. The crosswalk by Thompson's old shop and several other crosswalks may change locations due to not conforming to code. State reviewing drawing on angle parking to see if it meets code. Will be mostly night paving[Randolph Road to Veterans Memorial Park and Portland Street to Bridge Street]
- A Street to B Street Sidewalk Construction is moving along. They are installing sidewalk and setting curb. Should be on target for September paving. Bob Beeman, Chair asked about the lower part of the retaining wall and if this would be fixed. Dan said this is not in our right of way and would require a lot more permitting to complete.

IX. SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne

- Not Present

Brian Kellogg

- None

Eric Dodge

- None

Bob Beeman

- Stop Sign at Brooklyn Street. Has had some complaints about people not stopping. Maybe some red flashing lights.

Judy Bickford

- None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. ADJOURN

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 7:00PM, seconded by Brian Kellogg
Motion carried. (4/0)**

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

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