



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 13, 2015

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae & Joni Lanphear.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator & Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief.

Guests: Patti Coburn, Erin Parizo, Matt Nadeau, Randy Pratt, Rob Moore, Carrie Wilson, Richela Fusco, Juliet O'Neil, Beth Pipi, Sara Kinerson, Jeffrey Wood, Etienne Hancock, Orah Moore, Shirley Moran.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add signing of a letter to Act 250 in support of sewer plant upgrade permit relief.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve minutes of September 28 , 2015 with changes to add change name of Road Acceptance Policy to Morrystown Road Policy.**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Sutton Property- Selectboard has reviewed the property and it seems to be cleaned up a bit. Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator is concerned that it will be back to the way it was in a short time. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator suggested requiring a stockade fence to be put up in front the garage. This will make it invisible from the right of way. Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief stated that the Fire Department intends to help Mr. Sutton do whatever needs to be done as he was a member of the Fire Department for many years. Todd Thomas stated that a stockade fence would satisfy the junk violation.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **VTRANS- BISHOP MARSHALL LIGHT-** VTRANS has completed the traffic engineering analysis and deemed that a traffic light is necessary at the Rt. 100 and Bishop Marshall Intersection. They will be moving forward with the installation of the light in late summer of 2016. They will also be readjusting the intersection itself such as narrowing turning lanes and installing a right hand turn lane on the North Bound side.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to endorse the Traffic Light at the RT. 100 & Bishop Marshall Intersection. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS -VTRANS completed a safety assessment of Washington Highway from the intersection of Lower Elmore Mt. Road to the intersection of Congress St. This VTRANS report was provided to the Selectboard recommending certain roadway improvements for the safety of motorists and pedestrians. Some of the suggestions were installing new signs, adjusting crosswalks, closing the on-ramp / slip-lane onto Maple St. from Washington Highway, and adding a stop sign to Washington Highway at its intersection with Congress Street. Todd added that he believed that the traffic counts were close between Washington Highway and Congress Street and that a three-way stop in this location would be a safety improvement. Todd also said that it was a poor use of tax dollars to repave the slip-lane onto Maple Street later this week when the State safety report said that it was a dangerous road design and it should not be reopened. Police Chief Richard Keith said that he was unaware of any accidents at this intersection. Nearby resident Etienne Hancock said that his kids play right beneath this intersection and said that re-opening the slip-lane will encourage speeding. He added that he had driven the slip-lane himself at 50mph as a kid and that if it wasn't there, traffic would be forced to slow down to take the 90 degree right onto Maple Street. The Selectboard decided to move ahead with the paving of the slip-lane and to re-open it, but decided to study the potential closure of it at a later date. Rob Moore of the Lamoille County Planning Commission said that if the Selectboard is agreeable to the suggestions the VTRANS department will pay for the changes as part of the High Risk Rural roads Program.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to proceed with recommended safety changes as suggested by the study conducted by VTRANS *except* closing the slip lane on Maple St. and reconfiguring the Washington Highway and Congress St. intersection. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. MORRISTOWN/ MORRISVILLE SIDEWALK PLAN - Todd Thomas, Planning Director has developed a plan for the construction of new sidewalks. Steve Rae would like to change the name to the Morristown/Morrisville Sidewalk Policy. Bob Beeman would like the pictures taken out.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve the Morristown/Morrisville Sidewalk Policy with changes. Motion carried. (4/0)

4. RENAMING A STREET EXTENSION - For the purpose of the A St. to B St. Sidewalk project we need to rename the "A St. Extension" to "B St." If not it will require redoing a fair amount of paper work.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve renaming the A St. Extension to B St. Motion carried. (4/0)

5. FINANCE & MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT - Agency of Transportation has sent a Maintenance Agreement for the Cady's Falls Bridge repairs and painting.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve maintenance agreement with the Agency of Transportation for the Cady's Falls Bridge repairs and painting and authorize Dan to sign on behalf of the Town. Motion carried. (4/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. LETTER TO ACT 250- SEWER PLANT Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator has written a letter to Act 250 requesting permit relief for the Morrisville Sewer plant expansion. This should be signed by Bob Beeman as Chair of the Board.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Letter of Support for Sewer Plant permit relief. Motion carried. (4 /0)

2. SNOWMOBILE ACCESS FROM RAIL TRAIL TO RIVERBEND MARKET - Tricia Follert would like to allow snowmobile's to access from the Rail Trail on Portland Street to the Riverbend Market at the Corner of Portland and Bridge Street.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve snowmobile access from the Rail Trail on Portland Street to the Riverbend Market. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. SUN VALLEY ROAD TAKEOVER-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to accept Sun Valley Rd. and Carpentier Farm Rd.

Discussion:

Discussed the work that needs to be done to Sun Valley Rd. before the Town would be able to take it over; such as more gravel added to the base, trees that need to be cut as well as culverts that need replacing. Carpentier Rd. would need more gravel added to the aprons. Roland had stated at the site hearing that Sun Valley Rd. would add about 15 minutes to the plow route and Carpentier would add about 5 minutes.

Steve Rae asked if the motion could be separate for each road.

Brian withdrew his motion.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve taking over Sun Valley Rd. Motion carried. (3/1)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Jon Lanphear to approve taking over Carpentier Farm Rd. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear that Sun Valley Rd. and Carpentier Farm Rd. will be taken over by the Town only after all work has been completed as outlined in the September 28, 2015 Site Hearing minutes and must occur before June 30, 2016. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Request to discontinue TH 46 Ron Terrill Rd. Property Owners is experiencing many people turning around at her property. This is a Class 4 Rd. and we do not regularly maintain it. We will need to schedule a site hearing.
2. Met with engineer regarding HVAC system. We will not be doing the meeting room or the second floor. This will remain on the current system. Hope to have bids out soon.

3. October 22, 2015 is the meeting regarding Health Ins. with the Selectboard and Employees.
4. We have pushed back the budget schedule by a week.
5. There may be an emergency health order coming up for the Board of Health regarding a rental property on Randolph Road.
6. Met with Todd Thomas, Dan Noyes and Mr. Haselton regarding the cleanup of his property. Mr. Haselton is cooperating with our efforts. There will be a work day on Nov. 11, 2015.
7. 182 Upper Main Street has been issued a Zoning violation. The dirt pile has been removed, but the zoning violation has been appealed. The owners have offered to give this property to the Town. The Town would then be responsible for liens that have been placed on it. Selectboard agreed to have Todd & Dan look into a potential agreement.
8. Nepveu Building- We will be proceeding with the Zoning Violations.
9. Chris Ransom- He should be getting his list of projects completed to us by Oct. 30. 2015

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- Thank you to all those involved with Rocktoberfest; it was a great event.

Steve Rae-

- Signage on Sterling Rd. Richard Keith, Chief of Police has looked at this and we have ordered signs.

Brian Kellogg-

- None

Mickey Smith-

- Not Present

Bob Beeman-

- None

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve warrants as presented though October 13, 2015. Motion carried.(4/0)

X. OTHER BUSINESS-

Personnel Issue-

Motion made by Joni Lanphear, seconded by Brian Kellogg to find that premature general public knowledge of employee relations to the body will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Joni Lanphear, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter executive session to discuss employee relations under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to come out of Executive Session at 9:10PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to adjourn at 9:15PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 14th day of October 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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