



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 2015

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Charlie McArthur, Listing Coordinator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman; Min Cote, Village Foreman

Guests: Tina Sweet, Shaun Goodell, Dana Douglass Eric Dodge, Jessica Russell, Bill Henchey, Robin & Tom Cote, Edward Cote, Sheila Tarbox, Tony Cote, Laura & Dave Kewalskie, Herbert & Gail Leach, Rhonda Schriber, Jeff Douglass, Shirley Mason, John Dostal, Will & Sandy Spaulding, Rob Conneary, Mary Goderwis, Kip Ross, Alexander Heller

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Personnel Issue to Other Business with possible Executive Session

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Brain Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Minutes of November 9, 2015. Motion carried. (4/0)**
2. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Minutes of November 16, 2014. Motion carried. (4/0) Steve Rae abstained.**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. **DOG BARKING COMPLAINT** - A complaint was made by Kip Ross regarding a barking dog in Morrystown Corners owned by Ronda Schriber and Jeff Douglass. They stated times and dates that they heard the dog barking. Brian Kellogg Animal Control Officer has been to talk with both parties. He has not heard the dog barking and Morrystown PD has made a couple of visits and talked with both parties. The officers did not feel that the situation warranted a ticket. The dog owners Jeff and Rhonda said that the dogs are two young hunting dogs and they do bark when it is time to eat and when there are other dogs or animals in the area. The Complainant Kip Ross has not discussed the barking dogs with the owners and doesn't feel he needs to. Shirley Mason neighbor stated that she does not hear the dogs barking. The Selectboard urged the two parties to try to work together and for the dog owners to do their best to keep the dogs quiet whenever possible.

2. **COTE HILL TREE CUTTING**- Several residents from the Cote Hill area came to express their concern with the recent road side tree/brush cutting. Dan Lindley stated that he realized that the Town had made a couple of mistakes. One by putting notices of cutting in the mailboxes of residents rather than mailing them and there were a couple of properties that the mower went over the 25 foot ROW. The residents thought there could be a better way to get the word out before the cutting is to take place and possibly a better machine to do the job as the one that was used seemed to hack the trees off rather than leaving a nice clean cut. The Selectboard apologized for the inconvenience and thanked everyone for coming in to talk to them about it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **CADY'S FALLS BRIDGE WEIGHT LIMIT**- Manufacturing Solutions Inc. has a warehouse on Cady's Falls Rd. and is concerned with being able to get to their warehouse due to the weight restriction on the Cady's Falls Bridge and the new ordinance that Hyde Park Village has put in place that does not allow through truck traffic. The Bridge will be closed for 3 months for repairs during next construction season and the plan is to open it back up with the 24,000lb weight restriction.. Min Cote stated that it is possible that we could grant MSI an exemption so that they can get to their business. We can do that until the bridge is closed and then they will need to use the Needles Eye Rd. to commute to their warehouse until the bridge reopens.

2. **DISCUSS & APPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT**- Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator would like the Selectboard to approve the Animating Infrastructure Contract for the design of the Metal trees. Contract amount is for \$11,000. \$5500 to be paid upon contract agreement and \$5500 to be paid upon completion of the designs.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve contract and authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to sign. Motion approved. (4/0)

3. **ERRORS & OMISSIONS** - Charlie reviewed with the Selectboard the changes to the Grand List due to billing errors and Tax Stabilization.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Errors & Omissions as presented. Motion carried. (4/0)

4. **MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**- The Motor Vehicle Ordinance needs to be updated to include Main Street parking lot adjacent to Union Bank, Richmond Street Park- n- Ride across from the Library.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve amendment to the Motor Vehicle Ordinance as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

5. **APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR TENNY BRIDGE**- We received \$500 from the Vermont AOT for the Right of way transfer for the work they plan to do on Tenny Bridge. We need to appropriate the funds.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to appropriate the sum of \$500 received from the Vt. Transportation Agency for the Right Of Way Agreement for Tenny Bridge and to appropriate the funds for the Rail Trail Trailhead improvements at the Oxbow Park. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. HIGHWAY BUDGET REVIEW- Village Foreman, Min Cote and Highway Foreman Roland Boivin discussed the Highway Budget with the Selectboard. There are no major purchases this year. Highway did include purchasing an emulsifier so that they could make their own hot mix to fill in the pot holes. This piece of equipment is budgeted at \$20,000.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Foundation is being poured on the Nepveu building this week.
2. Received some complaints on the house on Upper Main Street near the fire station. Residents thought that it may collapse into the sidewalk. Dan looked at it and it doesn't seem to be leaning that way. He felt that if it did fall it would be in the cellar hole.
3. We will be meeting on November 30, 2015 to discuss General Government, Library and MACC budgets.
4. We received the spec's on the HVAC system and should be ready to go out to bid the first week of December.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- Her house has sold and she will now be a Morristown resident!

Steve Rae-

- None.

Brian Kellogg-

- Follow-up on house near the Fire Department. Dan stated that the DRB upheld Todd's zoning violation.
- Do the trash can's still get picked up? Tina said yes. Brian thought maybe one got left out as there is still one across from the Fire Station near the school.

Bob Beeman- Will not be here for the next meeting.

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve warrants as presented though November 9, 2015. Motion carried.(4/0)

X. OTHER BUSINESS-

Personnel Issue-

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

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter executive session to discuss employee relations and pending litigation 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 Steve Rae to come out of Executive Session at 9:00PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear adjourn at 9:05PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 24th day of November 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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