



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 20, 2015

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Joni Lanphear and Steve Rae,

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Min Cote, Street Foreman, Todd Thomas, Planning Director, Zoning Administrator, Health Officer and Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator

Guests: Gloria Wing, Jim Lovinsky, Eugene Dambach, Tyler Hirchak, Paul Griswold, Toby Hirchack, & Tina Sweet

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Bob Beeman

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Review & Sign Letter to VTRANS Re: Bypass renaming
2. Approve Part-time Temporary Hire for Rescue Department

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve minutes of January 5, 2015 with changes to add John Mandeville's full name and title. Motion carried (5/0)**
2. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg , seconded by Steve Rae to approve minutes of January 13, 2014. Motion carried (5/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. **Eugene Dambach-** Was concerned that the public did not know of the seriousness of the Rescue Department situation. He feels the public needs to be made aware of the situation. He also felt that Dan Lindley, Town Administrator had failed to let the Selectboard know in a timely manner. Dan Lindley stated that he has been discussing the rescue situation with the Selectboard for some time. The Selectboard stated that they are well aware of the situation and are working towards a solution to the problem. There are several options on the table and the Selectboard is reviewing the options and trying to come up with the best solution. The number one priority is the level of service to the town residents. Eugene also felt that we need to look at getting better leadership within the rescue department.
2. **Min Cote-** Also was concerned with rescue. He felt that we should disband rescue and hire NEMS. The Volunteer base is just not there anymore. People are too busy.
3. **Denny Digregorio-** Doesn't want to see it hired out. Agreed with Eugene that rescue needs leadership. Denny believes with good leadership rescue can survive, although it may take a while to get things in order.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. REVIEW & SIGN VTRANS LETTER- Selectboard reviewed the letter Dan Lindley, Town Administrator prepared in response to the letter we received from VTRANS regarding the naming of the "bypass". Currently it is named RT. 100, several residents have expressed they would like it to be named Alternate Truck Route VT 100 and to have the section of highway that goes through downtown named VT Route 100.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve letter to VTRANS as presented. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. APPROVE HIRE FOR RESCUE- Tammy Lurvey has applied and been interviewed (by rescue board) for the temporary part-time position at rescue as an AEMT.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Tammy Lurvey as Temporary Part-time AEMT at \$13.25 per hour. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. DISCUSS PLEASANT VIEW BUDGET- The Cemetery Association is asking for \$25,000 in this year's budget rather than the normal \$15,000. The Pleasant View Cemetery Association has an endowment fund that is currently making a pretty good return. Gloria stated that they had to dip into it this year for some repairs. They have been trying to build up the endowment funds over the past few years and prefer not to use the income from it for general maintenance. The Selectboard stated that they have had a tough time trying to keep the overall budget in check and because the endowment was making money they didn't feel that the extra \$10,000 was necessary.

V. GRANT HEARING

1. CLOSE OUT HEARING FOR LAMOILLE VIEW APARTMENTS- This is basically a housekeeping piece required by the government to close out the grant. The purpose is to hear any public comment. Hearing no public comment, the grant is now closed.

VI. BOARD OF HEALTH

1. NEPVEU HEARING - Todd Thomas, Health Office, feels that the building is no longer a threat to the public and recommends closing the hearing on 87 Portland St.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to close out the hearing for 87 Portland Street and deem it no longer a threat to the public. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPROVE MILEAGE CERTIFICATE- The Town did not add or subtract any road mileage this year. The state has already added the mileage for the bypass and the intersection near Bishop Marshall.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Mileage Certificate as presented. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. ALCOHOL AT THE OXBOW- Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator would like permission to allow alcohol at the Oxbow just for the music series. The Music series runs weekly from June to August. Richard Keith, Chief of Police didn't see an issue with it as

long as Tricia is keeping it under control. Tricia stated that she will recommend cups rather than bottles to those who wish to drink. We will need to reword the ordinance and bring back to the board for approval.

3. DISCUSS CHANGE TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE- Richard Keith, Chief of Police would like to include a leash law within the village limits. Currently the animal control ordinance states that dogs must be under the owners control. The Selectboard agreed that it was a good idea. The ordinance changes will need to be posted and will become effective after 30 days.

4. APPROVE RESCUE TIMESHEET- Sharon Duffy is a volunteer that filled in for Joyce. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator did not feel comfortable signing the timesheet as he had discussed with personnel that volunteers cannot "cover" for employees prior to this happening. The Selectboard agreed to approve the timesheet but wants to be sure that this will not happen again. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated that he has reiterated to personnel that this cannot happen again.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve timesheet for Sharon Duffy. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. DOWNTOWNTRANSPORTATION GRANT- Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator would like to apply for the Downtown Transportation Grant for funds to be used for the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Kiosk project and to continue the sidewalk on the lower end of Portland Street.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve application for Down Transportation Grant. Motion carried. (5/0)

VIII. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter as Board of Liquor Control at 7:15PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Liquor Licenses for Renewal

<u>Applicant:</u> <u>consumption:</u>	<u>Liquor/Class:</u>	<u>Tobacco:</u>	<u>Outside</u>
Morrisville House of Pizza	1 st	No	No
R L Vallee, Inc (Morrisville Mobil)	2 nd	Yes	No
R L Vallee, Inc (Stowe Road Mobil)	2 nd	Yes	No

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve as Liquor License renewals presented. Motion carried. (5/0)

IX. TA REPORT

1. Approve Budget- If there are no more changes the Selectboard needs to approve the budget.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Budget as presented. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Town Warning- Selectboard would like to add an Article that would give them permission to add advisory/public questions to the ballot in the future. Dan will revise the warning and have it ready to sign for Monday January 26, 2015. We will need to warn a special meeting for this.

3. Lamoille County Chamber of Commerce has named Todd Thomas as Employee of the Year. There will be an awards ceremony at the Town & Country in Stowe.

4. Agenda Items for the joint meeting with the Village Trustees- Selectboard would like to discuss Clark Park and the storm water ordinance.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni- Has had some complaints about Bridge St. and Brooklyn St. intersection

Steve Rae- Signs for Moran Loop need to be moved so they are more noticeable.

Brian- Have we heard back from Clark's Truck Center? Dan said no. He did tell them if they had an issue with the decision not to pay for the towing that they could come in and talk to the Selectboard.

Mickey- none

Bob- Should we produce a survey to get public input on the Green Mt. Arena property and whether or not it should be zoned commercially or not.

XI. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve warrants as presented though January 20, 2015. Motion carried.(5/0)

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Denny Digregorio mentioned that there may be some cutbacks coming from the State Fire Marshals and investigator division. If that is the case and there is a fire on the weekend, there will need to be someone (paid volunteer) present on scene until the investigator shows up on Monday. He thought we should contact our legislators to discuss.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter executive session for Personnel to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to exit Executive Session. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to adjourn at 8:30PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 21th day of January 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.