



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Nathan Pickard, EMS Chief; Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator & Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator.

Guests: Caleb Magoon, Tina Sweet, Tasha Wallis, Ed Debor, Dana Wildes, Wally Reeve

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Legal Issue Regarding Potential Litigation Possible Executive Session.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Minutes of December 7, 2015. Motion carried. (5/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Tasha Wallis, Director of Lamoille County Planning Commission discussed her concern regarding the veto of the Regional Plan by the Selectboard. Tasha stated that she would like to work more closely with the Selectboard in hopes of improving communication to better serve Morristown in the future. The Trustees were concerned with the Regional Plan as it is written with regards to the Sewer Service Management Area as well as other areas of concern. The Trustees also vetoed the Regional Plan at their last meeting. Todd Thomas stated that the Regional Plan is not a good fit for Morristown as it is written. He feels that it limits growth and development. The Trustees are considering pulling out of the Lamoille County Planning Commission and going with Northeast Vermont Development Association or just standing alone as Vergennes has done. Todd Thomas said that the Northeast Plan is a good well written plan and allows more opportunity for growth and he did not recommend not being affiliated with a planning commission as this would take away our Downtown Designation. Selectboard discussed meeting the LCPC Board to discuss potential changes and edits to the Town Plan. Todd said that it is possible to change or edit the Plan but it would be a lengthy process.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. REVIEW LIST OF POTENTIAL BIDDERS FOR TEGU BUILDING HVAC SYSTEM-** List of bidders includes local businesses only.

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

- 2. EMS BILLING FEES-** Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS reviewed the proposed changes to billing rates with the Selectboard. Rates are consistent with Stowe but less than NEMS. The rates have not changed since 2008.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge to approved EMS billing rates as presented effective December 1, 2015. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 3. REVIEW DESIGNATED RESERVE FUNDS –** Dan Lindley, Town Administrator reviewed total assigned and un-assigned funds which is currently \$863,914. Funds are currently set aside for a purpose but could be reassigned if need be.

- 4. DESIGNATE SELECTBOARD MEMBER TO SIGN WARRANTS-**

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to designate Bob Beeman to sign the Warrants the week of December 21, 2015. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 5. BUDGET REVIEW-** Carol Bradley, Finance Director handed out the Budget Overview and an amended items list. The only changes is the addition of the radio tower rental for the Highway department which is \$1,000. The overall budget is up 2.4%. The Selectboard suggested that Nathan prepare a presentation for the Town Meeting so that taxpayers can see why there is an increase of 43% in the EMS budget and that increased revenue will decrease the budget expense.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Todd Thomas has prepared the letter to the Lamoille Regional Planning Commission outlining the reasons why the Selectboard decided to veto the Regional Plan as requested by the Selectboard at their last meeting.

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. TA REPORT

- 1. No Meeting December 21, 2015**
- 2. December 22, 2015 is the Site walk for the Ron Terrill Road.**

3. Met with Min, Craig , Todd regarding construction on Bridge Street next Spring. The road will be shut down from Brooklyn Street to the Bypass.
4. Selectboard asked Dan about the Tree Cutting? There was a demonstration in Hyde Park of a similar Machine last Friday. Bob Beeman stated that he went to it and there was a video emailed to the Selectboard. Bob didn't feel that it was the right machine for us unless we had a second crew to do clean up. It still seems to leave branches with an unclean cut.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- None

Steve Rae-

- None.

Brian Kellogg-

- None.

Bob Beeman- None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS-

Personnel Issue-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to find that premature general public knowledge of potential pending litigation will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter executive session to discuss potential pending litigation under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge, seconded by Brian Kellogg to come out of executive session at 8:20PM, Motion carried. (5/0).

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear adjourn at 8:25PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 15th day of December 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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