



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF March 16, 2015

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief, Richard Keith, Chief of Police, Marcial Rodriguez Arenal, Rescue Department Head; Min Cote, Village Foreman; Roland Boivin Highway Foreman.

Guests: Graham Govoni, Russ Clark, Dan St. Cyr, Brent Labree II, Tina Sweet, Stephanie Craig and Richard Craig.

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

### **I. SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION**

Bob turned the meeting over to Vice Chair, Brian Kellogg.

**Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to nominate Bob Beeman as Chair of the Selectboard. Motion carried. (4/1) Bob Abstained.**

Brian Turned the meeting over to Chair Bob Beeman

**Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to nominate Brian Kellogg as Vice Chair. Motion carried. (4/1) Brian Abstained.**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to table discussion on assigning Department Head Liaisons. Motion carried. (5/0)**

### **II. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

1. Add discussion on purchasing a sidewalk machine to New Business.

2. Add Personnel Issue discussion with Graham Govoni with possible executive session to New Business.

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve minutes of March 2, 2015 with changes{Brian Kellogg did not make or second motions as he was absent}. Motion carried (4/1 Brian Abstained)**

### **IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

1. Brent Labree II discussed his concerns with the issues surrounding rescue. Asked about a law suit that was brought up at Town Meeting by an employee that was still working for the

Town. Selectboard responded by saying they had not had a meeting since Town Meeting but realize there are issues that need to be dealt with and they are working on them.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. PERSONNEL ISSUES-** Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter Executive Session for Personnel Issues with Graham Govoni. Motion carried(5/0)

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to come out of Executive Session and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion Carried. (5/0)**

**2. MEET WITH NEW RESCUE DEPARTMENT HEAD-** The Selectboard welcomed Marcial Rodriguez- Arenal the new Rescue Department Head. Marcial is working towards his recertification and hopes to be a full paramedic by mid May. Marcial mentioned that he has been on the job only a few weeks but he has noticed that there are several ongoing issues within the Rescue Department and he is weeding his way through them.

**3. FALL PREVENTION CONTRACT-** this is a contract that Marcial would like to enter into with the State of Vermont. This would allow the Rescue Department to work with the area services such as nursing homes, senior center, child care centers etc. teaching fall prevention.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Fall Prevention Contract with State and authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to sign. Motion carried. (5/0)**

**4. HIGHWAY TRUCK PURCHASE-** Min Cote, Village Foreman & Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman received two quotes for a new Tandem Truck. One for a Freightliner and one for a Western Star. Roland stated that Phil's truck is the one that is being replaced and is currently a Freightliner. Phil would like to stick with the same make of truck. Roland stated they did not ask Clark's for a quote because of this. Rusty Clark was present and asked if the Board would accept a quote from Clarks as he had one prepared. He said he understood if Roland and Min preferred a Freightliner but would like the opportunity to present a quote. The Selectboard accepted the quote from Clarks and decided to table the discussion until all have had an opportunity to review all the quotes.

**5. SIDEWALK MACHINE PURCHASE-** Min is looking into a Hodler C270 Sidewalk Tractor with a purchase price of \$172,535.00. This price could be scaled back some depending on the options chosen. Min feels that this is the right machine for the Town. It will do the sidewalks and so much more, he feels that it would have a 15-20 life span. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator mentioned that the company did offer a lease option, but we would need to look at the Capital Budget to see how it all plays out.

**6. MORAN LOOP-** Min and Roland would like to either discontinue or downgrade Moran Loop. It has worked out well having the road closed for the winter. They believe it would save the Town time and money with plowing and grading it. Selectboard member Steve Rae felt that we may want to talk with the local residents about how they feel about changing the road classification permanently. There is a process that needs to be followed prior to discontinuing a road which includes notifying adjoining property owners and holding site hearings.

**7. FOLLOW UP LETTER TO DECART-** Todd Thomas has prepared follow-up letter regarding the sale of the Decart Building hoping to move the process along a little quicker.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve and sign follow-up letter to Decart. Motion carried. (5/0)**

## **8. ANNUAL TOWN APPOINTMENTS-**

**Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to appoint Brian Kellogg as Animal Control officer and Brian Kellogg and Jeff Foss as Pound Keepers for 2015. Motion carried. (4/1) Brian Abstained.**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Joni Lanphear to appoint the following for 2015**

- Fence Viewers- *Charlie McArthur, Duane Sprague*
- Tree Warden- *Dave Stevens*
- Town Service Officer- *Dave Yacovone*
- E-911 Coordinator- *Charlie McArthur*
- Emergency Management Coordinator- *Dan Lindley*
- Greenup Coordinators- *Conservation Commission*
- MDF- *Sam Guy, Steve Leach, Tom Hirschak,*

**Motion carried. (5/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to appoint**

- DRB- *Susanna Guthman*
- Planning Commission-*Etienne Hancock, Andrea Caldwell Beeman*

**Motion carried. (5/0)**

## **VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 6:40PM. Motion carried. (5/0)**

### **Liquor Licenses for Renewal**

| <u>Applicant:</u> | <u>Liquor/Class:</u> | <u>Outside consumption:</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Leisure World     | 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | No                          |
| Tomlinson's Store | 2 <sup>nd</sup>      | No                          |

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

**Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to exit Board of Liquor Control and resume regular selectboard session. Motion carried. (5/0)**

## **VII. TA REPORT**

1. Congressman Welch will be in the area on Friday from 11:45-12:45.
2. Will be starting up Maple Street Project as soon as the weather breaks. Will have bids out for curb work soon.
3. Efficiency Vermont is going to work with us on designing an HVAC system and windows.
4. Will be meeting with Todd and the Village to discuss Cady's Falls Water System
5. Will have some money left over in the Highway budget and would like to use it to do some work on the Stagecoach Road.
6. Applying for Class II paving grant
7. Working with Ken Squire and Mark Struhsacker regarding municipal water & sewer for the radio station.
8. Would like to get the committee together to discuss the moratorium on taking over roads.

## **VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Joni-** Did the parking issue for 10 Railroad get resolved? Dan says yes it has been taken care of.

**Steve Rae-** Would like Dan to write a letter on behalf of the Board regarding the changes to open meeting law that will be discussed in legislature.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to have Dan prepare a letter in support of VLCT regarding the open meeting law. Motion carried. (5/0)**

**Brian-** none

**Mickey-** none

**Bob-** Would like to express his appreciation on behalf of the Board for Dan and all his accomplishments. The Selectboard appreciates all he has done for the Town. Bob also stated that there is zero tolerance for personal attacks or harassment of employees of the Town. Bob also wanted it to be known that Dan Lindley as the Town Administrator does not do anything that the Selectboard does not ask him to do.

## **IX. APPROVE WARRANTS**

**Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to approve warrants as presented though March 16, 2015. Motion carried.(5/0)**

## **X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter executive session for Personnel to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator and Richard Keith, Chief of Police. Motion carried. (5/0)**

**Motion made by 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 9:30PM.  
Motion carried. (5/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 17thday of March 2015  
Erica Allen, Scribe

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