



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 13, 2015

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Mickey Smith, Steve Rae.

Members Absent: Brian Kellogg, Joni Lanphear

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Roland Boivin Highway Foreman; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS Department; Charlie McArthur, Lister- Coordinator; Todd Thomas, Planning Director- Zoning Administrator.

Guests: Graham Govoni, Polly McArthur, Andrea Beeman, Chris Ransom, Andrew Kneale and TomWawrzeniak

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. None.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve minutes of March 30, 2015 with addition to Steve Rae Selectboard Concerns " also contact surrounding property owners for those roads we are considering reclassifying. Motion carried (3/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Andrew Kneale- asked what the purpose of the fire horn was. Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief explained that it was to warn motorist that there would be rescue vehicles leaving the station. Also, some of the fireman and other rescue personal use it to alarm them that there is something going on if they don't happen to have their pager on. Denny explained that the fire horn was more of a historical structure than a warning for the fireman. The fire horn used to serve other purposes such as sound off when there was no school. Andrew asked if there was some way that it could be put on a timer. He doesn't feel that it is necessary to have it sound off at 3 am. Maybe it could be set so that it doesn't go off after 9 pm for a certain number of hours. Denny said that he would look into whether or not it could be placed on a timer.

2. Andrea Caldwell- Beeman- asked what was being done with Chris Ransom's house. While walking on the rail trail noticed what an eye sore it was. Selectboard said they would talk with Chris to see what his plan for the building is at the next Selectboard meeting

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. UPDATES TO BYLAWS- There are 3 joint hearings scheduled with the Village Trustees for the Zoning updates including the Green Mountain Arena. May 18th will be the first hearing followed by June 8th and June 22nd. The Selectboard and Trustees jointly will be able to approve the bylaw changes on July 6th. Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator, said that the extra hearing was built into the schedule to allow for changes to the petitioned Land Use Chapter to be made at May 18th hearing.

2. REGIONAL LAND USE PRIME AG- Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator, wanted to let the Selectboard know that the regional plan being proposed by the Lamoille County Planning Commission, through LCPC's Act 250 project comments, would place additional restrictions on Prime Ag. Land in Morristown. He added that many properties in Morristown have already seen development restricted by unnecessary prime ag restrictions, such as the Greaves property across from the Copley Hospital. He felt that the Selectboard should weigh in regarding this prime ag issue in the regional plan and that impacted property owners should have a chance to be notified and be heard. The Selectboard said that would like to read through the material provided and discuss this issue again at their next meeting.

3. WALKING AUDIT- There will be a walking audit of the downtown with keynote speaker Mark Fenton. There will be refreshments served at the Maple House Inn. Todd Thomas would like to see a representative of the Selectboard there as well as the Highway Department.

4. JULIE MARCKRES SIDEWALK AT LAPORTE- Julie would like the Selectboard to change the zoning in the Business Enterprise Zone so that she would not have to build a sidewalk along her Rte 100 frontage at 1072 LaPorte Rd. Julie felt it was silly to build a sidewalk to nowhere. Julie said that she would rather put the money for the sidewalk into escrow for when there are more sidewalks to connect it to. Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator said that this sidewalk requirement is part of her by-right zoning permit and that absent a zoning change, she will need to comply with all of the requirements. Todd added that the current zoning change was awaiting the resolution of the Hirschak Town Plan petition and that any changes to the BE Zone for sidewalks would be in the same queue. The Selectboard agreed with Julie Marckres by consensus. Bob Beeman would like the Selectboard to discuss further with the Planning Council. Bob agreed to be the Selectboard representative at this Planning Council discussion on Tuesday April 21st.

5. COPLEY COUNTRY CLUB SIGNS- Tom Wawrzeniak representative for the Copley Country Club would like to put up 6 directional signs for the Country Club. The signs would be placed on Town property throughout the downtown directing motorists to the Club. The Selectboard asked Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator if he would work with Tom and Min and Roland from the Highway Department on placement of the signs.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to authorize Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator to work with Tom Wawrzeniak to install 6 directional signs. (3/0)

6. BIDS FOR TRUCK BODY- Roland received 2 bids one from Viking for \$64,750 and one from Fairfield's for \$61,940. There are a few options on the Viking nobody that Fairfield's cannot provide. Roland recommends going with the Viking body.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to award bid for truck body to Viking for an amount not to exceed \$64,750. Motion carried. (3/0)

7. APPROVE NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR EMS DEPARTMENT- Nathan Pickard, Chief of the EMS Department would like the Selectboard to approve two new volunteers, Jeffery Ketcham and David Ward.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve new volunteers Jeffrey Ketcham and David Ward for the EMS Department. Motion carried. (3/0)

8. APPROVE TEMPORARY PARTIME HIRE- Nathan Pickard would like to hire David Talley as part-time temporary Paramedic for the EMS Department.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to hire David Talley as a part-time temporary Paramedic at \$16.50 per hour. Motion carried. (3/0)

9. OXBOW PARK REQUEST FOR USE- Copley Hospital would like to use the Oxbow Park for a 5 k Fun run on September 12, 2015. They have paid there \$500 refundable security deposit.

Motion made by Steve Rae to approve use of Oxbow Park for Coley Hospital's 5k Fun run on September 12, 2015. Motion carried. (3/0)

10. CURBING CONTRACT FOR MAPLE STREET- Dan Lindley, Town Administrator would like permission to award the curbing contract once the bids have all come in so the project can start right away.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, Seconded by Steve Rae to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to award the contract for curbing on Maple Street. Motion carried (3/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 7:35PM. Motion carried. (3/0)

Liquor Licenses for Renewal

<u>Applicant:</u> <u>consumption:</u>	<u>Liquor/Class:</u>	<u>Outside</u>
CJF Chinese Restaurant Inc (Lucky Buffet) This is a new application – not a renewal.	1 st	No
Lost Nation Brewery Lost Nation Brewery	1 st 2 nd	Yes
Pizza on Main	1 st	No
McGaughan, Sharon (The 10 th Hole)	1 st	Yes
Bees Knees	1 st	Yes

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Liquor License renewals as presented. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Mickey SMith, seconded by Steve Rae to exit Board of Liquor Control and resume regular selectboard session at 7:40PM Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. TA REPORT

1. We have about \$210,000 in the Paving budget. We will be doing some paving on Stagecoach Road. Dan projects the cost to be about \$100,000. This will include widening the road from 22ft to 24 ft. Dan would like to reserve the remaining \$110,000 to pave lower bridge street once the village is done installing the new water lines.
2. Is the Board ready to discuss the polices as presented by Carol Bradley at the last Selectboard meeting? Selectboard said they have reviewed them and they can be placed on the next agenda.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni- Not Present.

Steve Rae- None.

Brian- Not Present

Mickey- Resident from Pinewood estates brought rocks to Mickey. They said the were from the road. Roland said when they are screening the sand once in a while a rock will escape, but these were pretty big rocks and could have been dug up by the wing of the plow, he doesn't believe they are from sanding the road.

Bob- None

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to approve warrants as presented though April 13, 2015. Motion carried.(3/0)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to find that premature general public knowledge of the potential contract with the Village of Morrisville will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae that we enter executive session to discuss the town's potential contract with the Village of Morrisville under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statute. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to exit Executive Session at 9:15PM. Motion carried. (3/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourn at 8:30PM. Motion carried. (3/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 14thday of April 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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