



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2015

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

Members Absent: Mickey Smith

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Denny Digregorio; Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS Department; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Todd Thomas, Planning Director- Zoning Administrator and Min Cote, Street Foreman

Guests: Graham Govoni, Tina Sweet, Guy Cote, Judith Grosvenor, Wayne Grube, Susan Rivera, Debbie Wheeler, Jason Durivage.

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 Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve minutes of April 13, 2015 with changes, Brian did not make motion he was absent and should be March 30, 2015 minutes not April 13, 2015. Motion carried (4/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Judy Grosvenor representative of Sun Valley Rd Association would like to ask the Town to take over the maintenance of the road. The Association met with Dan and Roland last fall and the road is in good condition it will need to culverts and a tree removed prior to the Town taking over the road if that is the Towns decision. There is still a moratorium on taking over roads. The Committee will be meeting on Tuesday of this week to discuss future road takeovers and bring recommendations to the Selectboard. Dan will get back to the association once the Selectboard has had a chance to discuss.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Lamoille County Planning Commission Regional Plan - Todd Thomas Zoning Administrator is concerned that the current LCPC Regional Plan could take away local control from the Towns ability to develop responsible flood plains and development of Prime Ag land. He may be looking for a letter to LCPC from the Selectboard or a possible meeting with the LCPC to discuss his concerns.

3. MOWING CONTRACT- Contract renewal with the Vermont Offender Work Program for Mowing of Town Properties. The contract is for a flat fee of \$7600.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve contract with the Vermont Offender Work program for a flat fee of \$7600 for Mowing of Town property.

4. APPROVE POLICIES- Conflict of Interest, Grant Policy, Purchasing Policy and Social Media.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanpher to approve Conflict of Interest Policy. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Grant Policy. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Purchasing Policy.

**Discussion: Add "will solicit 3 providers if possible" under major purchases
Add Chief of Emergency Services an attempt to contact the TA or SB by
Phone. under Section H.**

Motion failed (0/4)

The Selectboard decided to table the Social Media Policy to the next meeting so that a committee can be established to look into the policy further.

5. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN- This is the annual Emergency operation plan that we send into the State of Vermont.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Emergency Operations Plan with change to Planning Task #5 include Law Enforcement under Civil Unrest. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. DISCUSS CHANGES TO HEALTH PLAN- The NEEW Health Insurance Plan will no longer exist after May 30 due to changes within the Union. The Finance Department along with Town Administrator Dan Lindley has been working on finding another plan that will work for Town Employees. It looks like we can be self insured under the Vermont Health Exchange with Blue Cross Blue Shield. This would be an employer sponsored plan so employees would sign up through the finance office not through the exchange. We would also be offering Dental and Vision plans. The Finance office based the cost on the Platinum Plan dental, and visions plan which would be an increase to the town of approximately \$15,000

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to enter a contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield, Delta Dental and Eye Med. Motion carried. (4/0)

7. LETTER TO VTRANS RE: ROUNDABOUT PEDESTRIAN CROSSING - There was a request to have pedestrian crossings at or near the bypass intersection with route 15 and the roundabout. VTRANS asked that the Selectboard send a letter of request and they

would assess where if any pedestrian crossing could go. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator will draft a letter to VTRANS.

8. APPROVE 1111 PERMIT FOR SIDEWALK ON LAPORTE RD. This is the permit Julie Markers needs for the State to build a sidewalk in the State Right of Way.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear authorize Dan Lindley Town Administrator to sign the 111 Permit for Julie Marckres. Motion carried. (4/0)

9. DISCUSS DUMPING SNOW @ THE OXBOW- Todd Thomas received a permit from the State to dump snow at the Oxbow if needed. We currently dump snow on Elmore St, Cherry St and Ken Harvey's property. We will no longer be able to dump snow on Cherry Ave and Elmore St due to the close proximity of the brook. There is land owned by the Lamoille Family Center that may be available for purchase. Kim Komer of the Lamoille Conservation District may be able to find us grant money to pay for some of the purchase price. We will need a representative from the Town to negotiate with the Family Center. The Selectboard asked if Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator could do that; he said he could.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Brian Kellogg to authorize Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator to discuss purchase of land owned by the Lamoille Family Center. . Motion carried. (4/0)

10. COIN DROP- Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief would like to have a coin drop on Saturday May 2, 2015 from 10-2.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Joni Lanphear to authorize Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief to hold a coin drop from 10-2 on Saturday May 2, 2015 carried (4/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

None

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 8:15PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

<u>Applicant:</u> <u>consumption:</u>	<u>Liquor/Class:</u>	<u>Outside</u>
Rogue Artisans' Café at 74 Portland St - Renewal	1st	No
CVS Pharmacy	1 st	No

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Liquor License as presented. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Brian Kellogg to exit Board of Liquor Control and resume regular selectboard session at 8:25PM Motion carried. (4/0)

VII. TA REPORT

1. Classic Curb will be starting the curbing on Maple Street week of May 11.
2. We need to Schedule Site Hearing date for the roads we talked about reclassifying; Moran Loop and Town Forest Rd.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear- None

Steve Rae- Have we heard anything from MDF on the procedures? Dan says no but he has not had time to pursue. Has the Capital Budget been reworked? Dan says it has and will have it on the next agenda.

Brian Kellogg- There is a frost heave near the entrance to Jersey Heights. Dan will have the highway crew look into it.

Mickey Smith- Not Present

Bob Beeman- Is it possible for the Town to help with costs for taking EMS related courses for those that can't afford to spend the \$150 or so dollars. Dan says we already have something in place to reimburse those that complete the course and stay with the Town for a period of time.

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve warrants as presented though April 27, 2015. Motion carried.(4/0)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to find that premature general public knowledge of the potential contract negotiations with the Police Union will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae that we enter executive session to discuss the town's potential contract with the Police Union under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statute. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to exit Executive Session at 9:10PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourn at 9:15PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

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