



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 4:30PM by Bob Beeman

**Selectboard Present- Bob Beeman, Chair; Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae.**

**Guests Present- Leon Whitcomb & Rhoda Bedell**

### **I. SITE HEARING**

#### **SITE HEARING FOR BRYAN POND ROAD-**

Selectboard met at Bryan Pond Road to discuss reclassification of the road from a Class 4 to a trail at the request of the Conservation Commission. Dan Lindley Town Administrator did receive notice from Peter Christi that he did not have any issues with reclassifying the road and gating it off. The State of Vermont contacted Dan as well and have no issue as long as they are able to get access when needed. No decision can be made at this meeting. This is just a procedural hearing for gathering public input. The Selectboard will take action at their next meeting or within 120 days of the site hearing.

Bob Beeman, Chair of the Selectboard closed the site hearing for Bryan Pond Rd at 4:45.

The meeting reconvened at Moren Loop Rd. at 5:00PM for a Site Hearing on reclassifying a section of Moren Loop Rd. known as Bedell Hill. This is the steep section of road that was closed during the winter of 2014 due to safety concerns for the Highway Crew. Min Cote, Village Foreman discussed with the public that he would like to reclassify the road to a trail due to the safety issues in the winter with plowing and the maintenance issues in the spring/summer. The plow trucks have a hard time plowing the hill due to the steepness of the grade and are often stuck. It is also costly to maintain in the spring with mud season and grading in the summer months. The general consensus of the public was that they would like it to remain as a class III road. There was also discussion of speed in general on Moren Loop and asked if possible to reduce the speed and add signs for the hill portion of the road such as sharp corner and steep grade. The Selectboard said they would look into reducing the speed on Moren Loop as well as signage for the hill portion of the road.

Bob Beeman, Chair of the Selectboard closed the site hearing.

## **Meeting reconvened at the Tegu Town offices at 6:00PM**

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Denny Digregorio; Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS Department; and Min Cote, Street Foreman.

Guests: David Whitcomb, Dave Stevens, Kenneth Campbell, Linda Campbell, Steve Leach, Buckwheat Lowe, Terry Owen, Tom Hirschak, Garret Hirschak, Judy Nepveu, Michelle Corse, Tyler Hirschak, Angus Gurder, Dena Hirschak, Barbara Barber, Mark Strusacker, John Hollar, Holly King, Lisa Rowell, Etienne Hancock, Toby Hirschak, Min Cote, Craig Myotte, and Ray Belanger.

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

1. None

### **III. APPROVE MINUTES**

1. **Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve minutes of May 26, 2015. Motion carried (5/0)**

### **IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

None

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. HARREL ST. SIDEWALK GRANT** - Todd is applying for a grant for new sidewalk on Harrel St.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to authorize Todd Thomas to act on behalf of the Town of Morristown regarding the Harrel Street sidewalk grant project and to authorize up to \$18,000 from the Town's sidewalk infrastructure fund to be used as grant match(or partial grant match) for said project. Motion carried. (5/0)**

**2. LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR YVETTE MASON**- Yvette Mason has expressed interest in being an at large member for the Lamoille Regional Planning Commission. Todd Thomas would like a letter of support from the Board to LCPC on her behalf.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve a letter of support for member at large of the Regional Planning Commission; Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (5/0)**

**3. LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION AND TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**- These are yearly appointments to the LCPC regional board and the TAC. Currently Tricia Follert and Kevin Kelly are on the

LCPC Board of Directors and wish to serve another term. Terms begin July, 1, 2015. Todd Thomas is the current town representative on the TAC and he would like to remain.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to appoint Tricia Follert and Kevin Kelly to the LCPC Board as Town representatives and Todd Thomas as representative to the TAC. Motion carried. (5/0)**

**4. TEGU BUILDING - TOWN OFFICE HVAC SYSTEM DESIGN--** Dubois & King have presented a bid for the design of the HVAC system for the town office. The bid is for \$2800.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve bid from Dubois & King for design of the HVAC system for the town office building. Motion carried. (5/0)**

## **VI. JOINT HEARING WITH VILLAGE TRUSTEES**

1. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 3 hearings for the changes to the Town Plan as requested by petition from Thomas Hirschak who is the owner of the parcels in question known as Green Mtn. Arena(GMA). Tom is seeking a change in the zoning to allow him to conduct his auction business and additional commercial development at the site. Public comment included support for the Hirschak Company and also a concern regarding the conserved land as well as sprawl if more of the site were to be developed commercial.

Bob Beeman closed public comment and the Selectboard discussed with the Village Trustees. Steve Rae posed 4 questions to the Selectboard in hopes of getting their opinion. Those questions were:

1. Would you support a vote to change the language in the town plan for the GMA parcel as requested by the petitioners with no additional restrictions?
2. Would you support a vote to allow an auction facility at the GMA site by adding a definition of auction facility to conditional uses in the current GMA zone (RRA)?
3. Would you support a vote to change the zoning to BED with auction facility added as a conditional use?
4. Would you more favorable to a zoning change if a covenant was placed on the GMA parcel?

Bob Beeman, Joni Lanphear & Brian Kellogg stated that they were not ready to comment. Mickey Smith stated that he would be comfortable with either option 1, 2 or 3. The Village Trustee stated they would rather discuss at the next meeting.

Next joint hearing is scheduled for 6/22/2015 and both boards will be voting on 7/6/2015.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS-CONTINUED**

5. **AMBULANCE WRITE OFF'S-** this is an annual occurrence after the finance office has made every attempt to collect ambulance transport fees.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Ambulance write offs in the amount of \$21,429.72. Motion carried (4/0)**

**6. APPOINT NEW MEMBER TO MDF-** The Morristown Development Fund would like the Selectboard to appoint a new member; Peter Merrill. Peter has a business & financial background and would make a great addition to the MDF Board.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to appoint Peter Merrill to the Morristown Development Fund. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**7. SIGN TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE FOR FY 15/16**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to sign Tax Anticipation Note with the Union Bank for FY 15/6. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

None

**IX. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL**

None

**X. TA REPORT**

1. RFP's are out for side walk construction on Maple Street, Olive Street, Brooklyn Street, Park Street, Police Department & Water & Light
2. Tina, Carol & Dan met with Blue Cross. Discussed insurance options for next budget year.
3. Town received check from NEEW for the advanced month we paid when we signed up for the insurance.
4. Will be meeting with John Mandeville next week regarding the process for approving MDF loans.
5. We have had a public records request. If the Selectboard has any hand written notes from the meetings as outline in the letter, those will need to be included with the records. No member had any notes.

**XI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Joni Lanphear-** None

**Steve Rae-** Sterling Bridge needs some paint refreshing. Showed Min where the guardrail needs to be placed next to the Bridge. We should look into speed control on "Bedell Hill"[Moren Loop]

**Brian Kellogg-** None

**Mickey Smith-** Not present

**Bob Beeman-** There is a spot on Elmore Mtn. Road that is caving - discussed with Min.

**XII. APPROVE WARRANTS**

**Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve warrants as presented though June 8, 2015. Motion carried.(4/0)**

**XIII. OTHER BUSINESS**

Denny Digregorio wanted to know where we were with the Social Media Policy. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated we have not had time to discuss with staff needed out on vacation.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to adjourn at 7:55PM. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 10th day of June 2015  
Erica Allen, Scribe

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