



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 31, 2015

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS Department; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Min Cote, Village Street Foreman & Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief.

Guests:

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Kellogg.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add review & Approve Sale of Town Truck to New Business
2. Correct Minutes of August 3, 2015.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve minutes of August 17, 2015 with changes 1). add Mary Ann Wilson to Department Head present 2). add "before making determination" to Sun Valley Community Concerns discussion. Motion carried (4/0)**
2. **Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to approve minutes of August 24, 2015 with changes 1). add Mary Ann Wilson & Todd Thomas to Department Head present. Motion carried (4/0)**
3. **Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Smith to correct the August 3, 2015 minutes with changes to the Motion to accept tax rate. Tax rate should be 0.8095 not .0895. Motion Carried. (4/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Maple Street- Min discussed Maple Street Project with the Selectboard. There were some residents that were inconvenienced when Min was preparing driveways for cement due to a scheduling conflict with the contractor. Some residents couldn't drive into their driveways and had to walk to their homes from the street. Most have been take care of. The Maple Street project was initially supposed to be a 4 construction season project it will be accomplished in 2 1/2 construction seasons.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS GREEN MTN. BYWAY PROGRAM- Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator has been working with LCPC on joining the Green Mtn. Byway Program. There are 10 listed in the State of Vermont. Tricia would like Selectboard's approval to join the program which will include some signage and mapping for our downtown. The Byway would connect to the Waterbury\Stowe Byway and continue through our downtown to Rt. 15.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve the request to join the Green Mtn. Byway Program and ask Dan to write a letter of support on behalf of the Morristown Selectboard. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. SNOWMOBILE ACCESS -Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator would like permission for snow machines to access the Riverbend Market from the rail trail. They are currently doing that now but would like to make it official. The Selectboard suggested that there are other locations that could be accessed from the rail trail as well and these should be researched. Selectboard asked for a map of locations and for Tricia to talk with property owners for permission to access their property via snow machine.

3. FIREWORKS APPLICATION FOR BISHOP MARSHALL- Bishop Marshall would like permission to set off fireworks for their annual homecoming celebration on September 25, 2015.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve application for Bishop Marshall Fireworks to be held on September 25, 2015 with no rain date on condition they notify their neighbors. Motion carried. (4/0)

4. EMS TERMINATIONS-Nathan Pickard, EMS Chief has two members that he would like to terminate. Skye Ferland and Wendy Morin. Skye has moved out of the area and Wendy has been unresponsive to Nathan's attempts to contact her.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to terminate Skye Ferland from Volunteer employment with the Town of Morristown EMS Department. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to terminate Wendy Morin from volunteer Employment with the Town of Morristown EMS Department. Motion carried. (4/0)

5. PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD LETTER RE: SOLAR ARRAY WALTON RD. - Todd Thomas, Planning Director has written a letter providing comments on behalf of the Town of Morristown regarding the solar array that is to be installed on Walton Rd. He is requesting that a berm replace the trees that are to be cut.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve letter to Public Service Board regarding the Certificate of Public Good for the Solar installation on Walton Rd. to include concern regarding trees along the Town's ROW and to authorize Brian to sign the letter. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. ERRORS & OMISSIONS- Corrections are due to a change in current use.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve changes to the Errors & Omissions as presented. Motion carried. (4/0)

7. BRUSH CLEARING- Min would like to hire a company to come in and do the brush clearing that needs to be done. It would cost about \$7700 which is significantly less that it would cost the Town if the road crew were to do it themselves. It will take the company approximately 3 days to complete the work that needs to be done. The village/highway crew will need to provide flagging. The Selectboard would like the residents in the areas that are to be cut to be notified. Money for project to come out of regular budget as we have money left in the crushing budget.

8. ACCEPT FALL PAVING BIDS- We received two bids for fall paving, one from Pike and one from ECI. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator recommends accepting the bid from Pike Paving as they had the lowest price per ton. Paving will be done on Randolph Rd. Maple Street, and Lower Elmore Rd. Dan would also like to use money from the Maple Street Budget to fund the Maple Street paving. The Town is splitting the cost of the Maple Street paving with the Village.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to accept bid from Pike Paving at \$75.15 per ton for paving on Maple Street, Randolph Rd. & Lower Elmore Mtn. Rd. Motion carried. (4/0)

9. TENNY BRIDGE ROW TRANSFER- The State is asking the Town to transfer an easement for the Tenny Bridge reconstruction project. They have offered the Town \$500 for the easement. We will need to advertise this as a sale/conveyance of land and have the Town agent to convey real estate to sign the documents. The majority of the Selectboard would like to ask for the \$500 but if it creates "fireworks" then just deed the easement to the State.

Motion made by Steve Rae, Seconded by Mickey Smith to authorize Dan to sign the option asking for the \$500.00. Motion carried. (3/1) Brian voted no.

10. BUDGET GUIDANCE- Steve Rae asked to have a discussion about budget guidance on the agenda. He would like to see the budget increased by not more than 2%. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator feels it's his job to bring the department head budgets to the Selectboard and let them see the full budget and decide what they would like to cut. The Selectboard feels they need to do their best to try and keep the budget increases at a minimum to keep it affordable for taxpayers to live here. There are sometimes circumstances that arise that make that impossible. Department Heads present agreed to do their best to keep their budgets within the 2%.

11. FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT PURCHASE- Denny needs to purchase gear for his department. There are currently 7 members that need full gear; 2 that need boots and 3 that need helmets. The cost of the equipment is \$22,000; Denny has \$9,000 in is budget. We do not have this budgeted, therefore; Dan Lindley, Town administrator recommends running a deficit until Fiscal Yearend where we may be able to use reserves to make up the difference.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to authorize purchase of equipment for the Fire Department for an amount not to exceed \$22,000. Motion carried. (4/0)

12. SALE OF OLD TANKER TRUCK- Min would like to sell the old 1992 International (Truck # 16031) that they had planned on using for a water truck. He has had a lot of interest in it but has only received one offer on it. Denis Morin has offered \$2,000.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to sell the International in "as is" condition for \$2,000 payable by cash, money order or bank check. Motion carried. (4/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to table the approval of the Road Policy until the September 28, 2015 meeting. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Working with the state to paint the Cady's Falls Bridge and fix the remaining structural issues.
2. Library Parking lot construction is set to start this week.
3. September 22, 2015 we will have a joint hearing with the Village Trustees for the Zoning Changes IE: Hirschak. Directly after that meeting will be the joint meeting with the Trustees at the Copley Country Club.
4. We will need to have a special meeting for a personnel[employee relations] issue the week of September 14, 2015. We will need at least 3 members present.
5. Tom Anderson is retiring and AOT is combining District 6 with District 8. We will now be District 8.
6. Will be out on vacation next week.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- None

Steve Rae-

- Moran Loop has the new 35MPH signs up. Wold like to see some sort of sign on the hill portion[Bedell Hill] indicating hill, narrow Road ahead. etc. Dan will get the signs ordered.

Brian Kellogg-

- If we paved Bedell Hill would we be able to maintain it better? Dan would have to check with the road crew.

Mickey Smith-

- Who is in charge of the flags at the Monument? Dan said that Gary Rushford is in charge of that. They have been having issues with the flag pole and were waiting for parts to fix it.

Bob Beeman-

- Not Present

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve warrants as presented through August 31, 2015. Motion carried.(4/0)

X. OTHER BUSINESS-

3. Legal Issue-

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae, to find that premature general public knowledge of potential pending legal litigation will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to enter executive session to discuss to discuss potential pending legal litigation under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to come out of executive session. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn at 9:30PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 31st day of August 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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