



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 3, 2015

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman and Min Cote, Street Foreman.

Guests: Ron Stancliff, Scott Johnson, Tricia Lang, Scott Brinkman, Scotty Abbot, Jim & Sandy Meditz, Jim Lovinsky, Steve Berson, Cindy Allen-Barson, and Larry Rowe and Karen Bradley.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Traffic Detour for Elmore St.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve minutes of July 20, 2015. Motion carried (4/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Scott Abbott is planning to buy the old Power Play Sports building and will be relocating the Corner Pocket to that location. He would like to move his liquor license from one location to the other. The Selectboard did not see an issue with that but Scott would need to go through the proper channels to revise his liquor license before the Selectboard/Board of Liquor Control could approve it.

IV. GRANT HEARING

1. Grant hearing for Lamoille Housing Partnership- Arthurs Grant. This is a formality to have a close out hearing for the federal grant.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to open the hearing for public comment for the Arthurs Building Grant. Motion carried. (4/0)

Public Comment:

How much was the total project cost? 5 Million

What is the rental rate of the apartments? *Rent varies from market rate down to 50% of income.*

Is it 100% occupied? *All apartments are occupied and one of the commercial suites is rented. There is one commercial suite yet to be occupied.*

Hearing no more public comment;

Steve Rae made a motion seconded by Mickey Smith to close the public hearing for the Arthurs Grant. Motion carried. (4/0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. RECLASSIFICATION OF BRYAN POND ROAD-

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith to reclassify the portion of Town Highway 43 from the end of Bryan Pond Rd., which is class 3 , to the entrance of the Town Forest, approximately 1280 feet from a class 4 Town Highway to a legal trail. Motion carried (4/0)

2. RECLASSIFICATION OF MORAN LOOP -Discussed reclassifying the "Bedell Hill" portion of Moran Loop. There were several homeowners present. Most all were in agreement that the hill can be dangerous especially in the winter and most all were in agreement that they do not want the road closed permanently or turned in to a trail. The Selectboard will work with homeowners to make the road safe for all to travel. We will be placing speed limit signs for Moran Loop and warning signs for the hill. There will be another hearing should the Selectboard want to discuss closing the hill in the winter.

Vice Chair Brian Kellogg asked for a Motion to reclassify the "Bedell Hill" portion of Moran Loop from a class III to a legal trail. No motion was made, therefore it is a dead issue.

3. STOWE TO MO BIKE PATH- Jim Donovan from Broad Head Designs gave final presentation on Stowe to Morrisville Bike Path. This would be a non motorized on road off road path extending from Morrisville to Stowe. The approximate cost of construction is \$5Million. The path could be funded through grants as well as donations.

Steve Rae proposed that the Selectboard support the Stowe to Morrisville Bike path in principal. A lot of work has gone into it and once we see the rail trail getting finished and how important recreation can be as an economic component of Morristown. This kind of project gives people a way to focus on a way to make a contribution. Joni Lanphear seconded the Statement. All in favor (4/0)

4. AWARD BID FOR PARK-N-RIDE- We received 5 bids for the construction of a park and ride near the Library on Park Street. Peters General Contracting \$54,700; Walker Construction \$58,000; JE Lowe \$61,924; Grimes \$62,084; Gravel Construction \$73,160.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Mickey Smith, to approve bid from Peters General Contracting for the construction of the Park and Ride located on Park Street. Motion carried (4/0)

5. REVIEW & APPROVE TOWN FOREST CONTRACT- This is a renewal contract between the Town and Doug Small for the logging of the Town Forest. It has been reviewed by the Conservation Committee as well as the Town Forester.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Thinning Contract between the Town and Doug Small for the thinning of the Town Forest and authorize Dan Lindley to sign. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. SET TOWN TAX RATE - Carol Bradley, Finance Director reviewed the Tax rate with the Selectboard.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to set the Municipal tax rate at .08095 and to acknowledge the Homestead Education Tax Rate at \$1.3367 for a total tax rate of \$2.1762. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to set the Municipal Tax Rate at \$.08095 and to acknowledge the Non residential Education Tax Rate of \$1.4605 for a total tax rate of \$2.2700. Motion carried (4/0)

7. SIGN LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SIDEWALK MACHINE- The Selectboard Chair needs to sign the lease agreement for the Holder C270 Sidewalk machine.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to execute the agreement and authorize Carol Bradley, Finance Director to execute any payment request and partial acceptance certificate and or final acceptance certificate and authorize Brian Kellogg to sign on behalf of the Selectboard for the Holder C270 sidewalk machine. Motion carried. (4/0)

8. APPROVE NEW FEE SCHEDULE FOR ZONING PERMITS- Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator has revised the zoning fee schedule and would like the Selectboard to approve it.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Zoning Permit Fee Schedule as presented. Motion carried. (4/0)

9. APPROVE FIRE WORKS PERMIT- Clarence & Pamela Town would like to have a fireworks display at their house on August 22, 2015. Denny Digregorio Fire Chief and Richard Keith, Chief of Police see no issue with the display location.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve fireworks permit for Clarence & Pamela Town. Motion carried. (4/0)

10. TRAFFIC DETOUR FOR ELMORE STREET- Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief would like to close off a portion of Elmore Street for the 125 Anniversary Celebration of the Fire Department on September 12 from 8 am - 4pm. traffic will be detoured via Summer Street.

Motion made by Mickey Smith to allow the closing of Elmore Street on September 12, from 8am - 4Pm for the 125 Anniversary Celebration of the Fire Department. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VIII. TA REPORT

1. Fall Asphalt Bids are out for Maple Street and a portion of Randolph Rd.
2. Side walk construction on Maple Street is moving along nicely.
3. Floor drains in the Highway garage need to be removed. We will need to install an underground holding tank. Will need to have the state approve the system.
4. Looks like the Joint meeting with the Trustees will be September 22, at 6:30PM at the Copley Country Club.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear- None

Steve Rae-

- Is there a way to keep track of the accidents that occur in town? Richard Keith said they keep track of accidents and where [what road} they occur on but not the actual coordinates of accidents.

Brian Kellogg-

- None

Mickey Smith-

- none

Bob Beeman-

- Not Present

X. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve warrants as presented though August 3, 2015. Motion carried.(4/0)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS-

3. Personnel Issue-

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae, to find that premature general public knowledge of Professional Legal Services from Sargent Law Office will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to that we enter executive session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes.

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

Selectboard invited Scott Johnson, Director of the Lamoille Family Center to express his concerns over storing snow at the Lower Bridge Street location owned by the Town. Scott expressed concerns about storing snow at that location due to the proximity to the Family Centers property. Dan explained that the State deeded the property to the Town after the Long Bridge project was complete in 1986. The Selectboard expressed their desire to move forward in preparing the area for snow storage. Scott asked the Selectboard to wait two more week to allow the attorneys to consult. The Selectboard felt that was not necessary and that preparing the area for winter snow storage was fine to go ahead as we are not expecting snow any time soon. Selectboard advised Dan to go ahead with preparing the north side of the location first pending any conversation between the two attorneys. Scott expressed concerns regarding the cleanliness of the current snow storage area.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Joni Lanphear to adjourn at 9:15PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 4th 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.