



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2009

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Richard Keith, Police Chief; Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator; Joyce Lanpher, MRS Operations Manager, and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk.

Guests: Alexandra Jump, Steve Rae, Berta Pykosz, Heather Sargent, Tanner Atwood, and Chris Ransom

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Letter to Planning Commission Regarding the updated zoning bylaws.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Audit Update-** The Auditors went over the audit with the Selectboard. The auditors did not encounter any issues with the audit. There were no red flags. John said that management did a great job. There was one item that needed to be added to the reserves that did not get added. Carol would like to add the sand shed roof to the reserve list and remove the vacuum vector line item as it has already been reserved.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to reserve \$10,000 for the Highway Department sand shed roof and remove the \$6,000 for the Vacuum Vector. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to sign the Audit. (4/0)

2. **MRS Respiratory Protection Policy-** this is a program and policy to protect responders and employees from flu viruses and other infectious diseases. It will require fit testing, training and a policy in place.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve Respiratory Protection Program Policy. Motion approved. (4/0)

3. **GMATV Board Representative-** Selectboard decided to advertise for this in the paper as it does not have to be a Selectman.
4. **Sidewalk Complaint-** Berta Pykosz was concerned with the layout of the new sidewalk and PD parking lot. She thought that it was very unsafe with the "granite planter" that is now there. She didn't feel that there was enough room for walkers. Berta also felt that there should be a side walk there instead of the granite planter and there should be a railing for the wall and

there aren't any plantings. Heidi explained that the project is not finished that there will be a railing for the retaining wall as well as plantings along the wall and in the granite planter. Heidi also mentioned that there never was a sidewalk there. The Village crew painted lines to help out line the area for walking and the area for cars to travel. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator had Cliff Collins look at it and it meets the safety standards which are 12 feet and there is 15 feet. She was concerned about where she will be able to walk when there is snow and Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent said that the snow would be pushed into the far left corner where the highest point of the wall is and removed by 6 am the following morning. Alex Jump commented on the design at the Police Department and thought that it looked really nice and she felt that there was far more dangerous places to walk than that section.

5. **Maple Street-** Last year after Halloween it was brought up by a resident that we should close Maple Street as there are a lot of kids out trick or treating and also a lot of traffic. It is dangerous with the mix of kids and traffic on such a small street. Richard talked with his officers about it and they all felt that it was a good idea. Todd was concerned that if we close one street that other residents will request that their street be closed also. Other Board members agreed with Richard that it is dangerous and is an accident waiting to happen. Richard estimated that the time the street would be closed would be from 5-8

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to close Maple Street for the purpose of trick or treating on October 31, 2009 Motion approved (3/1)

6. **BCA Abatement Compensation-** Discussed whether or not to increase the payment per meeting to the BCA board members and what the Listers should be paid for attending the meetings. Currently they are getting their listing rate, but they do not act as a Lister on the Board of Abatement. Dan felt that since the other Board members were getting \$10 per meeting that the Lister should be getting the same since they are not acting in the listing capacity. The Board agreed that all member of the BCA Tax Abatement Board should be getting the same rate of pay at \$10.00 per meeting.
7. **Police Department Appointment-** the Police Department has been looking for a fulltime officer due to the military deployment of two of the current officers. Richard has recommended Tanner Atwood who is already fulltime certified. He is also an MP in the Air National Guard. His start date would be October 19, 2009.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the Police Department Appointment of Tanner Atwood. Motion approved. (4/0)

III. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 7:25PM Motion approved (4/0)

1. The Abby requested a catering permit that would exceed the amount of guests (150) that Mary Ann is allowed to approve which is 100 guests according to the policy. The event will be held at River Arts on November 7, 2009.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve the catering permit for the Abby. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to exit as Board of Liquor Control and re-nter regular session as Selectboard at 7:30 Motion approved (4/0)

IV. TA REPORT

1. The Bridge is complete and is ready to be shipped. We are waiting for a wide load permit from the State, which we are hoping to receive by the end of the week. Hopefully will be able to get the bridge here by beginning of next week. Should still be on schedule, depending on when we receive the permit. Still planning the ribbon cutting for October 26, 2009, but the bridge may not be open until the 3rd of November.
2. Knotty Pine Sports Bar just opened so we have pushed their Liquor License Review back to January.
3. The petition for the Mason property has expired, Dan will move forward on this.
4. We have scheduled a special meeting to review letters of interest for the vacant Selectboard position on October 13, 2009.
5. We have canceled the Selectboard meeting for the 19th and will have the regular meeting on October 26, after the ribbon cutting ceremony. The Selectboard could meet on the 19th for interviews. Selectboard was in agreement. They will conduct interviews on October 19th at 6:00PM.

V. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- Fireworks- Art Mead was concerned that the fireworks notice was not in the paper until after it was approved.

Todd Yando –none

Dave Yacovone- None

Bob Beeman- None

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of 09/14/09 and 09/21/09
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter Executive Session at 7:45 PM for Personnel and Contractual, to include Morristown Rescue Operational Manager Joyce Lanpher and Town Administrator Dan Lindley.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to exit Executive Session at 8:55 PM> Motion approved. (4/0)

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn meeting at 9:00PM. Motion approved. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 23th day of September
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.