



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Chris Towne.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Bill Mapes, EMS Chief; Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief; Richard Keith, Police Chief; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk; Todd Thomas, Planning Director/Zoning Administrator; Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator.

Guests: Elizabeth Chase, Richard Lowe, Corey Boisvert, Andrew Martin, Nathan Wolfe, Jacques Marcoux, John Kingston.

**Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.**

### **I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS**

1. Discuss Town Meeting Format
2. Promote Alan Stearns
3. Appoint Fire Chief

### **II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of January 28, 2019, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0) Chris Towne amended motion to change New Business #3 to Motion carried (4/1). Motion carried as amended.**

### **III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

1. Richard Lowe expressed concerns with the paving of the roads in Morristown, stating Stancliff and Randolph Roads are hazardous. Dan Lindley explained the town has to pave the roads when it is appropriate with the weather conditions and the weather has not been cooperative recently. Cochran Road was partially paved last year and will be finished this spring along with other roads that are under contract. There is \$322,517.46 in the paving reserve.

**IV. LIQUOR CONTROL**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter into Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve 11 Liquor License Renewals as presented, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

<u>Applicant:</u>	<u>Liquor/Class:</u>	<u>Outside consumption:</u>
1. Black Diamond Barbeque	1 <sup>s</sup>	Yes
2. Price Chopper Operating Company of Vermont, Inc	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No
3. Lost Nation Brewing LLC	1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes
4. Cumberland Farms of Vermont Inc	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No
5. River Arts of Morrisville Inc	1 <sup>st</sup>	No
6. DG Retail LLC, LLC DBA Dollar General	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No
7. 10 Railroad Street LLC	1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes
8. Morrisville Food Coop LLC	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No
9. Sherman V Allen, Inc DBA Macs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No
10. Fifty-five Consulting & Enterprises LLC DBA Black Cap	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No
11. KPH Drugs, Inc DBA Kinney Drugs	2 <sup>nd</sup>	No

**Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Special Event Outside Consumption Permit as presented, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

1. Moogs Place  
June 2, 2019 10 am – 10 pm: Moogs Parking lot Hammer Jam to benefit Habitat for Humanity

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to exit Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Discuss Sewer Capacity/Committee-** There is a meeting this Wednesday to work as a committee to solve issues with BOD. The initial committee consists of Village Trustees and Selectboard members. The Village Trustees are eager to have help and they are searching for a fair and equitable plan. Dan and Bob have reached out to other towns for their input on the discharge of heavy BOD. The long term plan for the sewage treatment plant is to expand the BOD capacity. The fee structure is on hold until more accurate data is collected.
- 2. Discuss Lawrence Brook Solar Project Screening-** Dan presented leaf on and leaf off barrier drawings. The Selectboard reviewed the drawings. Richard Lowe approves of the plan. He also suggests an alternate option to be a nice slope, to mow, with wild flowers since there is good agricultural soil. The trees will grow

so eventually you will not see the structures. The feedback from the Selectboard is that this is an improvement.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Discuss Town Meeting Format-** David Polow will not be attending Town Meeting this year and will not be seeking re-election as moderator. He recommends Shap Smith. Sara Haskins attended a town meeting tune up course last Thursday, at which she learned the Selectboard is in charge of opening and running town meeting until a new moderator is sworn in. The Selectboard will discuss who will volunteer and will let Sara know soon.
- 2. Promote Alan Stearns-** Motion made by Eric Dodge to promote Alan Stearns to Highway Tech 2, Step 1 position with an hourly pay of \$18.69 effective 2/3/2019, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)
- 3. Appoint Fire Chief-** Motion made by Chris Towne to appoint Shawn Goodell as Fire Chief through January 31, 2021, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)
- 4. Discuss Kenfield Brook Land-** Lamoille County Planning Commission is offering the Town of Morristown an acre of land deeded from Harold & Bessie Ryder in 1969. There is no access to the land and the Selectboard's main concern is the liability involved. They will have the conservation commission check it out before making a final decision.
- 5. Appoint volunteer to EMS Roster-** Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Greta Quintin as an EMS volunteer, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)
- 6. Appoint Officer to Morristown Police Department-** Motion made by Chris Towne to appoint Nathan Wolfe to the Police Department full time as of March 1, 2019 for a one year probation period starting at a \$22.20 hourly rate at Step 2 and increasing to Step 3 on July 1, 2019, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to appoint Lance Lamb full time to the Morristown Police Department effective December 13, 2016, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

- 7. Accept Resignation from Charles McArthur- Retiring-** Motion made by Chris Towne to accept the resignation of Charles McArthur effective March 8, 2019 as a Listing Coordinator and Lister, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0) There will be an open house on March 1<sup>st</sup> for him.
- 8. Review & Approve for Assessing Services-** A new Lister will be approved at Town Meeting. Dan Lindley suggests accepting the agreement from Vermont Appraisal Company since we have money in the budget to cover most of it and it is a very busy time in the Lister's office. A new Lister will be appointed this spring. Duane

Sprague will be traveling and we will not have a quorum. **Motion made by Chris Towne to approve the agreement amendment between the Town of Morristown and Vermont Appraisal Co. from February 1, 2019 until June 30, 2019, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Chris Towne to approve up to \$8,000.00 to be utilized out of the Reappraisal Fund for the purpose of defraying budget overages in the Tax Listing Professional Services- Appraiser line item, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**9. Morristown Parks & Recreation**

- Formalize the names of the two groups: “Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee” and “Morristown Summer Recreation Camp Program”- **Motion made by Chris Towne to recognize Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Chris Towne to recognize Morristown Summer Recreation Camp Program formerly known as Morristown Summer Rec, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

- Appoint Kristi McAllister as a member of the Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee- **Motion made by Chris Towne to appoint Kristi McAllister to the Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**
- Approve the 2019 amended bylaws of the Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee- **Motion made by Chris Towne to approve the Morristown Parks and Recreation Committee Amended Bylaws, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**
- Discuss location of Morristown dog park- Letters were sent to all the abutting land owners and there has not been any negative feedback. The neighborhood has been surveyed and it seems like the perfect location for the dog park is on the green space between Copley Ave and Park St according to Tricia Follert. There will be a fence around the entire area with the entrance being double fenced. Dog parks are more common now and less of a liability but would be covered under our municipal insurance. Eric Dodge requested information regarding the pricing of the fencing. There is a meeting on Wednesday at noon to discuss more on the dog park. Tricia Follert is reaching out to Waterbury to collect information and suggestions.

**10. Review Design Plans for Oxbow Bathrooms-** Tricia Follert presented the design created pro bono by Cushman Design. Donald Blake gave ideas to start this process. Chris Towne is mainly concerned with the safety prospective of the original design which has two separate rooms and the outside doors lock. The

Selectboard recommends brainstorming again and creating an alternate design before making a final decision.

**VI. APPROVE WARRANTS**

**Motion made by Chris Towne to approve warrants through February 10, 2019, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**VII. TA REPORT**

- Dan introduced the new EMS Chief to the board.
- Rene Audet from the Highway Department resigned. His last day is this Friday February 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Sidewalks have been icy this winter but the road crew is doing the best they can in the conditions. The salt supply is low so we may need to purchase sand.

**VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Chris Towne-** None

**Brian Kellogg-** Wondering what happened with the mail box at the round about near the Police Station. Richard Keith, Chief of Police, said it malfunctioned so it was taken away but he believes it will be replaced.

**Eric Dodge-** None

**Bob Beeman-** None

**Judy Bickford-** Not Present

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

**1. Employee Relations (Possible Executive Session)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss appointment or employment or evaluation of public officer or employee to the body will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage. Pursuant 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (4) of the Vermont Statutes and to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of executive Session, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

**X.    ADJOURN**

**Motion made by Chris Towne to adjourn at 7:45PM, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 13th day of February 2019  
Elizabeth Chase, Scribe

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