



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 5, 2016

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Yvette Mason and Joni Lanphear.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; and Nathan Pickard, EMS Chief.

Guests: Andrea Beeman, David Polow, Katelin Brewer-Colie Larry Cornblatt, Valerie Valcour, Paul Griswold, John Duffy, Garrett Hirschak, Marci Young, Judy Nepveu, Richard Lowe, Etienne Hancock, Graham Mink, Max Paine, Craig Myotte, Penny Jones, Wallace Reeve, Dana Wildes, Peter Bourne, Mark Strusacker.

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Addition to New Business: Appoint Health Officer
2. Change Agenda Item: Approve Warrants should read "Approve Warrants" only.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. June 20, 2016 Minutes
Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of June 20, 2016, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0).
2. June 28, 2016 Minutes
Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of June 28, 2016 seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0).

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Richard Lowe stated his concern regarding paved roads in the Town. He feels that the Town should spend money on paving in order to catch up rather than buy new equipment every year. Dan Lindley stated that 1 mile of road costs approximately \$100,000. Whenever possible, we try to maximize the VT State Class II Paving Grant program to extend our paving dollars – get the most bang for our buck. We currently have Class II Grant \$ for Cadys Falls Road. We have had to postpone the paving due to the Bypass construction, and bridge projects.
2. Richard Lowe inquired as to why Cadys Falls Bridge was closed. The State has contracted out the painting of the bridge and it needs to be closed for containment of paint debris. They started work today.

3. Linda Laraway on Frazier Road stated her concerns regarding the stones from the road hitting her house, cars, windows, and walkers. Could the Town possibly pave just beyond her driveway? Speeding vehicles are throwing the stones. The gravel that the Town uses is the same size as it has always been. A question of whether or not the sub-base material has risen to the top of the road bed was raised. Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman, was asked to evaluate the situation.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **LARRY CORNBLATT – GREEN DRAGON BUILDING PAINTING** - Larry Cornblatt updated the Select Board regarding the progress he is making on getting his building painted. Because of the lead paint issue, the process to find a contractor who is certified to deal with it, and who will respond, has been very slow. He currently has a contractor. The cost is prohibitive – estimated at \$35,000. It would take approximately 2 weeks to paint, and the contractor has an opening in September. Larry is working on financing. He might qualify for a VT State Lead Abatement Grant. The Select Board asked Larry to come back to their meeting on September 26, 2016 to provide an update.
2. **CARPENTIER FARM ROAD – TAKEOVER** – Waiting for length of road information. Moved on to New Business.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **BIKE PED COMMITTEE**- David Polow, introduced Katelin Brewer-Colie from Local Motion. She is a technical Manager working all around the state to create safer streets. She submitted a map for the Pilot Program – short-term solutions that are not permanent and low cost – covering the streetscape on Portland Street and the Rail Trail at Stafford Ave. The use of flower barrels, or hay bales, could “calm” streets. Calming streets results in slower speeds, creating a safer environment for pedestrians. Encouraging pedestrian traffic in the downtown will improve economic development, downtown revitalization, and community health. Many concerns were raised regarding the turning radius for trucks at the Bridge & Portland St intersections and the Main & Portland St intersections of the design. Questions regarding other Pilot programs were raised. The Pilot Program is an engineered study. Todd suggested implementing the Pilot Program on the two crosswalks on Portland Street only – near Moogs and Tegu Building – with hay bales or traffic cones as flower barrels are too heavy to move. Eric suggested that he measure the distance to place and inch out. There should be a plan to get feedback, and all the merchants should be contacted in advance. It could be implemented after the Bridge Street project is finished, and before the State starts their traffic light project at BJAMS. The Bike Share program has been very popular. It certainly has changed from the onset, and the Bike Ped Committee is working to iron out the kinks. We have a potential donation of 100 bikes coming. Local Motion offers as a free resource a Bike Smart program – primarily for grades 1, 2 and 3 which includes bike helmet giveaways. Local Motion should contact the school directly.
2. **APPOINT HEALTH OFFICER** – Todd Thomas has been the Town Health Officer since 2010.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Todd Thomas as the Town Health Officer, seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion Carried. (5/0).

3. **NEW HIRES FOR EMS** – Nathan Pickard, Chief, outlined the interview process used to select candidates to fill one FT Paramedic position, and two PT AEMT positions. Six people were interviewed by Nathan, Richard Keith, Chief of Police, and Shawn Goodell, Assistant Fire Chief. There is one more PT AEMT position that will be re-posted. Nathan recommended David Talley as the FT Paramedic, Anthony Graves as a PT AEMT with continued employment conditional on obtaining his AEMT within 6 months, and Diana Osborn as a PT AEMT.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to

(a) hire David Talley as a Paramedic – permanent full-time EMS employee at Grade III, Step II for \$16.23 per hour;

(b) hire Anthony Graves as a permanent PT EMS employee for not more than 23 hours per week with no benefits included. His rate of pay will be \$11.50 per hour. Continued employment is contingent upon obtaining his AEMT within 6 months of his hire date. His rate of pay as an AEMT will increase to \$13.25 per hour, and

(c) hire Diana Osborne as a permanent PT EMS employee for not more than 23 hours per week with no benefits included. Her rate of pay will be \$13.25 per hour. Upon obtaining paramedic certification, her rate of pay will be \$16.50, seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Nathan also asked for two volunteers to be appointed: Cole Pearson and Chatham Milton.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to appoint Cole Pearson and Chatham Milton as volunteers to the Morristown EMS Department, seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed. (5/0).

OLD BUSINESS: CARPENTIER FARM ROAD – TAKEOVER –

A public hearing was held on June 28-2016 regarding the takeover of the Carpentier Farm Road. This road was grandfathered before the moratorium on accepting roads went into effect. The moratorium was ended when updated road acceptance policies were approved. There will be no more dead end roads accepted unless the policy changes.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the Carpentier Farm Road from the end of Beacon Hill for 1,189 feet as Class III Town Highway, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion Carried. (5/0).

VI. JOINT HEARING WITH VILLAGE TRUSTEES

Public Hearing – Zoning Changes: Planning Director Todd Thomas and members of the Planning Council were on hand to discuss the zoning changes proposed. The purpose is to collect public input on the proposed changes at this evening warned public hearing for the Selectboard and Village Trustees. These Legislative Bodies Select Board can take action on the proposed zoning changes at their next regularly scheduled meeting, July 18th regarding the proposed changes. The proposed zoning changes are as follows:

- a. §205 Central Business Zone: decrease lot size, increase front setback & sidewalk requirement
- b. §225 Mixed Office Residential: equalize lot size and density & make dimensional changes
- c. §230 Industrial: add Public Offices & Facilities use for Old Creamery Road & reduce setbacks
- d. §235 Special Use: equalize lot size & density, reduce setbacks, add Transient Lodging Facility use
- e. §245 High Density Residential: equalize lot size and density & make dimensional changes

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- f. §250 Medium Density Res: equalize lot size & density and make dimensional changes
- g. §255 Low Density Res: equalize lot size & density, change setbacks & remove multi-family use
- h. §260 Rural Residential Agricultural: Move two-family residential from permitted to conditional
- i. §270 Airport Business: make family child care facility a permitted use & add Warehouse use
- j. §280 Innovation Zone: Add Sexually Oriented Businesses to Innovation Zone 1
- k. §426.2 Ponds: amend pond bylaw to allow some flexibility when a pond is above a Town road
- l. §430 Non-Conformities: change existing 1 year "use it or lose it" policy to 5 years
- m. §440 Clean-up building site: add restriction buildings left open to elements & broken windows
- n. §502 Site Plan: minor changes to site plan submittals & survey requirement for multi-family res
- o. §510 PUD: make minor Council directed changes to the conservation subdivision bylaw
- p. §639.3g: amend existing landscaping requirements to require large solar farm screening
- q. §660: Add more robust Local Act 250 Review bylaw per Agency of Commerce & Comm. Dev.
- r. Definitions: add definitions for Sexually Oriented Business and Shelter & revise definitions for Home Business (by eliminating auto repair as an eligible home business) and Transient Lodging Facility (by establishing exempt thresholds for renting rooms in the sharing economy)
- ~~as~~. §1000-§1140: make various district boundary changes, including adding the Puffer Block on Upper Main Street into the Central Business Zone, expanding a small piece of the Commercial Zone onto the Cheng property across from Rock Art Brewery, add Village-like zoning to the Cadys Falls and Morristown Corners neighborhoods for the first time & various housekeeping items where the Truck Route impacting zoning boundaries.

Top 10 List of Items

Public comments on the proposed changed were as follows:

Graham Mink – The Multi-family use should not be changed from permitted ~~or~~ to conditional in the High Density Residential Zone.

Garrett Hirschak – Wants the Legislative Bodies to reconsider the Planning Council's deletion of the Warehouse & Storage Facility as permitted-use at the Green Mtn Arena in the Business Enterprise Zone. Mr. Thomas said that he would like to find a way for MSI to grow in Morrisville and that only allowing this use in existing buildings in this zone would be a compromise position-use.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to close the Joint Hearing, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion Carried. (5/0).

Board of Trustees invited Select Board to a joint meeting on September 12th, 2016 to discuss various issues.

VII. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

VIII. TA REPORT

1. A big thank you goes to Tricia Follert for the heavy work she does in getting the Fourth of July organized. Also, the efforts of the Highway crews, and police help make it run smoothly. This was the first year all the festivities were located at the Oxbow and many positive comments were heard. As always, some safety concerns were raised regarding parking at the Oxbow – the bottleneck that occurred while cars and pedestrians were trying to exit. It was suggested to eliminate parking from the Oxbow entirely except for handicapped and elderly. Signs could help identify other areas to park.
2. Fireworks show was not 100% visible from the Oxbow. Will contact Northstar to discuss the issue and what can be done.
3. Parade was the longest it's ever been since Dan has worked it. Complaints were voiced at having cars parked along the parade route. It made it hard for pedestrians to set up chairs and watch the parade.

4. Bridge Street Project – the base layer of pavement was done last week. Curb will be installed and it is on schedule.
5. Cady’s Falls Bridge work began today.
6. Cady’s Falls Water Line work began today.
7. The Town Highway Department will be working with the Village to work on some streambank erosion near Tenny Bridge that is in their wellhead source protection area. The erosion is serious and they could lose their well. After the Bridge Street project is complete, Min and the excavator will work on the project for 7 to 10 days. The Village will pay for material costs and Town labor.
8. Dan will be out for the remainder of this week.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- None

Yvette Mason-

- Concern that evaluations don’t occur on a regular basis in the Municipal Building. It could improve staff morale/performance and help set goals. It could address issues regarding job performance. An evaluation policy is in place. Dan is ultimately responsible to implement. He will review policy.

Brian Kellogg-

- Did Dan have a meeting with LCPC yet? Dan has one scheduled for July 14th.

Bob Beeman-

- None

Eric Dodge-

- A question was posed to Eric – “Can the Town regulate covering loads of garbage that residents bring into the transfer stations?” If garbage falls out of vehicles/trailers, the MPD can cite the resident for an Insecure Load. Maybe a sign would help.

X. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve warrants as presented, seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (5/0)

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. POLICE UNION CONTRACT

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to find that premature general public knowledge of Labor Relations Agreements with employees will clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion Carried. (5/0).

Joni Lanphear left the meeting at this time.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to enter executive session to discuss the Town's Labor Relations Agreements with employees under the provision of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator and Richard Keith, Chief of Police, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion Carried. (4/0).

Motion made by Eric Dodge to exit executive session, seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0).

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to ratify the Police Union Contract and authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator, to sign it, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0).

XII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to adjourn at 10:00 PM, seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 6th day of July, 2016

Carol L. Bradley, Temporary Scribe

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