



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF August 29, 2016

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

Village Trustees: Wally Reeve, Chris Audy and Peter Bourne

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator; Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman; Ryan Bjerke, Acting Police Chief; Nate Pickard, EMS Chief and Todd Thomas, Planning Director.

Guests: Shawn Goodell, Tasha Wallis, Seth Jensen, Judy Nepveu, Heidi Nepveu, Andrea Beeman, Dian Williams, Sharon Rowell, Richard Lowe, Ed Debor, Penny Jones, Paul Griswold, Tom Gardner, Sarah Thomas, Kevin Newton.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add setting a wage for the part time temporary employee hired last meeting to Old Business.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Minutes of August 15, 2016

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of August 15, 2016, with the correction of Chad's name from Hanlon to Hanley. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0).

2. Minutes of August 24, 2016

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of August 24, 2016. Motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried (5/0).

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Tasha Wallis of LCPC voiced her concern that the Village Trustees did not properly warn a joint meeting with the Town Selectboard. At this time the Village Trustees called their meeting to order and they voted to amend their agenda to include a joint meeting with the Town Selectboard.

IV. JOINT SELECTBOARD/TRUSTEES MEETING

1. Terminate Morrisville's/Morristown's Membership in the Lamoille County Planning Commission

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to direct staff to immediately terminate Morrisville's/Morristown's membership in the Lamoille County Planning Commission and affiliate with the Northern Vermont Development Association. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge.

Judy Nepveu asked what the issue is between the Town/Village and LCPC. Bob Beeman stated that this has been an ongoing issue for at least two years. Bob felt that it had come to the point where LCPC can't operate in a constructive manner and there was too much conflict to move forward together.

Heidi Nepveu stated that she has just recently moved back to Town, but thinks there should be more discussion about this issue. Bob stated that we have had meetings to try to make things work, but it has not happened. Bob feels that it is in the best interest of the Town to terminate our membership. There is too much turmoil with LCPC and personnel and we can't move forward.

Tasha Wallis discussed LCPC's resources that are available to the Town. She doesn't want the Town to lose their Downtown Designation. If the Town wants LCPC's services in the future, the LCPC board would have to establish a fee to charge if the Town was not a member.

Sharon Rowell stated she was disappointed that there was no mediation to try to resolve issues. Eric Dodge stated that he was opposed to mediation because he felt that spending tax payer's money to mediate between professional people, who should be able to resolve issues on their own, was a waste of time and money.

Wally Reeve stated that the Village has had many issues with LCPC for a lot longer than two to three years. The sewer treatment plant development restrictions are an issue.

Tasha Wallis said that she asked Dan Lindley to speak with other LCPC board members. Bob Beeman stated that this was delving into the past and was part of the issue. We need to move forward and not keep "airing dirty laundry". We need to leave the past in the past in order to move forward, and that isn't happening. Ed Debor felt that the question should be called as the situation was getting more heated and would only escalate with no benefit. Bob Beeman stated he wanted to give everyone the chance to talk.

Motion carried (5/0).

2. Sign Sewer Act 250 Permit Letter –

Todd Thomas said that he drafted a response to the District Commission requesting that condition thirteen of the Village sewer plant permit be dissolved.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Bob Beeman to sign the Sewer Act 250 Permit Letter. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried (5/0).

V. JOINT HEARING WITH VILLAGE TRUSTEES – TOWN PLAN

No public comment relevant to the changes to the Town Plan.

Wally Reeve, Village Trustee adjourned the joint meeting at 7:15.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Financial Management Questionnaire – Town Treasurer-** This form is required by our Auditors every year. Statute requires the Selectboard to receive this.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to acknowledge receiving the Financial Management Questionnaire and authorize Bob Beeman to sign. Motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried (5/0).

- 2. Discuss Feedback Regarding Bump Outs (Hay Bales) on Main Street –** Todd Thomas stated that the response to the experiment of the bump outs have been positive to him; however, he thinks that the Selectboard may have gotten more negative feedback. Bob Beeman stated that people have told him they didn't like it. Tricia Follert believes that more outreach should have been done to explain and promote this idea. She would like to get trees in big pots to put out instead of hay bales as they will look nicer. Heidi Nepveu suggested chicanes (optical illusions) instead of the bump outs. Sharon Rowell asked about the highway maintenance for the bump outs and if this would cause more work. Dan Lindley stated that the highway was not in favor of this as it would cause more work to plow and maintain. Mary Ann Wilson felt that the location should be moved. Tricia Follert asked for one more month of the experiment to see what people think once they know what we are doing. Eric Dodge wants to see this advertised in the paper.
- 3. Approve Fireworks Permit for Bishop Marshall School Homecoming-**

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the fireworks permit for September 30th with the condition that Bishop Marshall notify the neighbors. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Set Wage for Temporary Part Time Highway Worker-** At the last meeting the Selectboard voted to hire Alan Ward as a temporary part time highway worker, but did not set his wage.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to set the wage for Alan Ward at \$18.00 per hour. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.

Eric Dodge asked Roland why the rate should be higher for this person than the last temporary part time person. Roland explained that this person was better qualified than the last individual. Roland explained that they would be able to call Alan in at any time, day or night if needed. Eric stated that he felt that having someone at our disposal like that was well worth this amount.

Motion carried. (5/0)

VIII. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None.

IX. TA REPORT

1. The Fire Department wants to start billing for sending fire reports to insurance companies at a rate of \$25.00 per request. Shawn Goodell explained that we get many of these requests that take a lot of volunteer time to process. Reports can be anywhere from ten to fourteen pages. The Police Department charges \$15.00 per report. Denny Digregorio stated that we should charge for electronic report requests too. Mary Ann Wilson stated that she didn't think we could do that as it was a violation of Public Records Law. Dan Lindley suggested that we ask VLCT to see what other departments do and what is legal. Dan and the Fire Department will look into this.
2. Tricia Follert has raised money to dispose of Mr. Hazeltine's tires. She would like permission to use the Town's Bobcat to load the tires. Bob felt that we shouldn't lend out Town equipment as it sets a dangerous precedent. Bob has a friend that he thinks would donate his Bobcat for this job. Bob and Tricia will talk about this further.
3. Today we hit ledge while digging the Cady's Falls Water Line. The contractor will do boring to find out where the ledge is. This cost is \$2,500. If there was ledge for the whole water line, the expense would be approximately \$64,000. We have this money in an infrastructure reserve for emergencies. Dan doesn't feel that it will be this much. The contractor will have the price on Thursday. At that time, we will have to negotiate a change order. Dan would like the board to review this as soon as possible so we don't hold up construction.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Bob Beeman to review the cost estimate with Dan Lindley and sign the change order on the board's behalf. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. The audit went well.
5. Cady's Falls Bridge engineering is moving along and should be finished and to the state next week.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- None

Yvette Mason-

- None

Brian Kellogg-

- None

Bob Beeman-

- Talked to the auditors and they were very impressed with our staff and felt that they were very transparent. Thank you to Dan, Carol, Tina and Mary Ann.

Eric Dodge-

- None

XI. APPROVE WARRANTS

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

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive Session to discuss evaluation of public employee under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature public knowledge of labor relationships with employees to the body will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive Session to discuss labor relationships with employees with Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman, under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to authorize Dan Lindley to respond to the State of Vermont Labor Relations letter agreeing to a consent election as outlined in paragraph two. Also under paragraph three, the board would like to question if the Highway Foreman and Street Foreman positions should be included in the union. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 9:40PM, seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 30th day of August, 2016

Tina Sweet, Scribe

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