



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF November 21, 2016

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS; Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Charlie McArthur, Lister; Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Todd Thomas, Planning Director.

Guests: Rhonda Schriber, Jessica Murano, Rhoda Bedell, Leon Whitcomb, Lee Sturtevant, Alexandra Heller, Gloria Wing, Meredith McGee, Ann Louise Santos, Marena Youngs, Gizelle Guyette, Sara Haskins, Joie Marshall and Kip Ross.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. None

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Minutes of November 7, 2016

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of November 7, 2016, with changes to include "board talked about adding Supervisor Code of Conduct to Personnel Policy" motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0).

2. Approve Minutes of November 8, 2016

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of November 8, 2016 with changes "Brian called meeting to order" motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. Approve Minutes of November 14, 2016

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of November 14, 2016, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Barking Dog Complaint- Several community members who also sent emails were present to discuss the nuisance of a barking dog in the Morristown Corners area. The dog(s) are presumed to belong to Rhonda Schriber (present). There were a few complaints back in November of 2015 regarding the barking dogs. Rhonda says that these are beagles and that is what this type of dogs does is bark and she says has been working with them and tries to

get out there and feed them earlier so they won't bark. Jessica Murano says she has recordings of the dogs barking for nearly 20 minutes. Neighbors are being awakened by the noise and at an earlier hour than they would like. They would like to see some relief from the incessant barking they live with on an almost daily basis. Brian Kellogg, Selectboard member says we need to find a solution as the barking is affecting the neighbors. Tricia Follert stated that there is an herbal no bark collar that has worked well for her sister who also has beagles. Eric Dodge, Selectboard member says that the incessant barking is affecting the livelihood of the neighbors and that a solution needs to happen sooner rather than later. The fine for a nuisance dog can be up to \$100 per day. He suggested talking with Tricia Follert first thing in the morning to get the information on the no bark collar. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator says that people should continue to call the police department to make a formal complaint. The Selectboard thanked everyone for coming and the message is clear that there is an issue that needs to be resolved.

IV. FY17/18 BUDGET REVIEW

1. Selectboard reviewed the PV Cemetery Budget with the Cemetery Association.
2. Selectboard reviewed the MACC budget with the Chair Tricia Follert.
3. Selectboard reviewed the Library Budget with the members of the board. The budget is up 7.9% due to the IT Contract and a revamp in youth services program.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **EMS Department Hire**– Nathan would like to appoint John Glen as a volunteer to the EMS Department

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve appoint of John Glen as a volunteer employee for the EMS Department, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. **Approve Discontinuance of Bedell Farm Rd.** - Selectboard held a hearing onsite for the purpose of hearing public comment on Nov. 8, 2016 due to a request by the landowner to discontinue the road as a Town Rd.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve discontinuance of Town Highway 103, also known as Bedell Farm Rd, in its entirety, the road is 0.07 miles in length, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Supervisor Code of Conduct**- Dan Lindley, Town Administrator revised as discussed at a previous meeting adding in a sentence regarding radio communication. Selectboard would also like the word should change to shall.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve supervisor code of conduct with changes, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion approved. (4/0)

2. **Approve Junk Ordinance**- Todd recommends going with the VLCT Model Policy. He has made the changes as previous discussed by the Selectboard.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Junk Ordinance as presented, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion approved. (4/0)

- 3. Review Animal Control Ordinance-** Yvette had asked Dan to put this on the agenda for review due to the last dog bite and the barking dog incidents. The ordinance coincides with the state statute and really can't be changed without a vote at Town Meeting.

VII. FY17/18 BUDGET REVIEW

- Selectboard reviewed General Government Budget. Community Development Coordinator will move from 32 hours a week to 35 hours a week. Discussed bathrooms at the Oxbow. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated this could be an article item for Town Meeting. He also said we are in the process of possibly hiring an on call Animal Control Officer.

VIII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve warrants through November 21, 2016, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

IX. TA REPORT-

- Budget meeting for Nov. 28, 2016 is canceled. Will have Capital Budget on December 5, 2016.
- Working on a Special meeting with VLCT as requested by the Selectboard.
- Working with the Highway Department to compile a list of roads we could pave in a year if we were to ask the voters bond at Town Meeting.
- Will be out for the rest of the week.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS-

Joni Lanphear

- Not Present

Yvette Mason

- None

Brian Kellogg

- Will the Trees on Copley Ave. be cut soon? Dan said the Village Water & Light is going to help us with this. They are waiting for a time when there is no school. Trimming on Stagecoach looks good.

Eric Dodge

- None

Bob Beeman-

- Tracy Wrend has asked Bob to be on a committee that is looking into building a Field House. Wanted to make sure we have no big ticket items coming up on the ballot.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

**Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn at 9:00PM, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.
Motion carried. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 22nd day of November, 2016

Erica Allen, Scribe

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