



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF January 4, 2016

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae, Eric Dodge & Joni Lanphear.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Dennis DiGregorio & Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator.

Guests: Tom Younkman, Gizelle Guyette, Eric Peterson. Ron Stancliff, Max Paine., Ellen Waldman, Rick Swanson.

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard meeting to order at 6:00PM

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Discuss Tax Sale Purchase for 182 Upper Main St. to New Business

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Minutes of December 14, 2015. Motion carried. (5/0)
2. Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve minutes of December 22, 2015 with correction to add Tara Nolan to the Guest List. Motion carried. (3/0/2) Steve Rae and Eric Dodge Abstained.
3. Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge to amend 11/23/2015 minutes to include Motion to amend Motor Vehicle Ordinance –Parking Section. Motion carried (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **HIGH RISK RURAL ROADS ASSESSMENT-** This is part of a statewide project that VTRANS is offering. The signs and markings are covered 100%. Sidewalks as proposed will require a 10% match. Discussed Maple St. & Washington Highway intersection Slip Lane. The Selectboard would like to make sure that this remains in place. It is not clear in the documents provided. Dan Lindley Town Administrator will make sure this is clarified before signing.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Eric Dodge to approve the High Risk Rural Roads Program and Authorize Dan Lindley to sign upon clarification of the Maple St/ Washington Highway Slip Lane. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. **APPROVE SALVAGE YARD-CHARLES HESS-** This is a Certificate of Approval as directed by the State. Certificate is good for 5 years.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve Certificate of Approval for Charles Hess Salvage Yard. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. **DISCUSS PATHWORKS HOMELESS SHELTER** – Proposal for a Homeless shelter will be presented to the DRB on January 14, 2016. Richard Keith, Chief of Police has concerns over the location of the shelter as well as the type of shelter that has been proposed (Low Barrier/Wet Shelter) and the impact on the need for services of his department. Many community members are also concerned with the proposed location which is said to be the Puffer Church Parsonage. There is a daycare housed next door at the Puffer Church. There were many community members that felt that there was a need for a shelter in Morristown. The Selectboard thanked the community for coming and expressing their concerns and encouraged them to attend the DRB meeting on January 14, 2016.

4. **HRA PLAN-** This is for the Health Equity HRA Plan. This is a requirement of the IRS.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to authorize Dan Lindley to sign the HRA Plan Corporate Resolution. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. **TAX SALE 182 UPPER MAIN ST.** – Dan Lindley, Town Administrator would like permission to bid on the property at the upcoming tax sale on January 12, 2016.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve bid up to \$10,000 for 182 Upper Main Street at the January 12, 2016 Tax Sale. Motion Carried. (4/1) Brian Abstained.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Eric Dodge asked about the Audit Report and if the check list had been completed? Carol Bradley, Finance Director stated that they are working on it for completion by July 1, 2016.
- Brian Kellogg asked about the Nepveu Building. Todd Thomas stated that they have satisfied the Health Order.

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Will need to have a Road Hearing for Ward Pond. We need to discontinue the last 900 feet. At the time of the road acceptance the measurement was wrong. Will need to schedule for some time in February.
2. House/Senate Bill that Todd prepared in regards to dilapidated buildings doesn't look as though it will get passed.
3. January 18, 2016 meeting will be moved to the 19th as it is a holiday. We will hold the meeting at the Water & Light Department due to voting.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- None

Steve Rae-

- Asked Selectboard about the draft Selectboard Report for the Town Report. Bob said he was working on it with Mickey.
- Discussed Open Meeting Law in regards to email discussions.
- Discussed letter received from Caleb Magoon regarding the Regional Planning Commission. Todd Thomas stated that Caleb misquoted that we would lose our downtown designation if we went with another Regional Planning Commission. This is the case only if we pull out of a Regional Planning Commission all together, not if we switch RPC's.

Brian Kellogg-

- None.

Bob Beeman- Concerned about the Proposed Patchworks Shelter. Todd Thomas recommended sending a letter to the DRB or better yet attending the meeting so they could present their concerns. Several of the Board members said they would attend the meeting. There will be a Selectboard Meeting warned for that evening, January 14, 2016.

Eric Dodge- Was approached about the coarseness of the gravel on the roads. Dan will speak to Min Cote, Village Foreman about this.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS-

Personnel Issue-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of potential pending litigation will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter executive session to discuss potential pending litigation under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to come out of executive session at 8:20PM, Motion carried. (5/0).

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge adjourn at 8:30PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 5th day of January 2016
Erica Allen, Scribe

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