



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF February 16, 2016

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

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Nathan Pickard, EMS Chief; Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Gayle Streeter, Donna Eckert, Tom Eckert, Tara Nolan, Kate Latz, Graham Govoni, Ernie Patnoe, Tracy Patnoe, Tina Sweet, Cory Boisvert.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Grant for Fire Department
2. Add Personnel- Possible Executive Session
3. Add Relocation of Utilities to #3 Under New Business
4. Remove Oxbow Request from Nick Denoia

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge to approve February 1, 2016 minutes. Motion Carried. (5/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Graham Govoni is resigning as the President of the Morristown Rescue Association. Graham introduced Kate Latz who will be taking his place.
2. Gallup Rd. Snowmobile Access- Ernie Patnoe came to seek clarification of the State Statute regarding snowmobile access on town highways. The Bidwells are still adamant about not letting VAST use their field access as part of the trail and the Eckerts still feel that it is a safety issue if snowmobiles use the travel lane of the road. The Selectboard is still in agreement that the trail will remain closed until an agreement can be reached with adjoining property owners. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator will check with VLCT for clarification on the Statute and will contact VAST regarding alternate routes for that area.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **REQUEST TO DISCONTINUE RON TERRILL RD.-** Tara Nolan has requested that the last 700ft. of Ron Terrill Rd. be discontinued.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve the discontinuance of the last 700ft of Ron Terrill Rd. Motion carried. (5/0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCONTINUE WARD POND- There was an error in the measurements of the road. The road is 1800 feet but only the first 900 feet should have been accepted as a town road. The State said the only way to correct it was to go through the process of discontinuance. The Selectboard met and held an onsite hearing earlier in the day and can take action at their next meeting. There was no public comment.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to discontinue the last 900 feet of Ward Pond Rd. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. DISCUSS RANDOLPH RD & RT. 100 INTERSECTION- It looks like the reconstruction for the A St. to B St. sidewalk will occur in 2017. Todd Thomas is looking for direction on the turn lane for Randolph Rd./ Rt. 100 Intersection. Keeping the turn lane will require relocating some utility poles[W&L Electric as well as Fairpoint Phone Services] and will incur a cost to the Town from the Village Water & Light. The Selectboard would like to keep the turn lane. Todd will work on coordinating the relocation of the poles with the utility companies.

4. FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANT- Denny DiGregorio would like to apply for a grant from VT Wildland Fire Gear for gear for the Fire Department. The grant is a 50/50 match. Total amount of the grant is \$1,475.14. The Town is responsible for \$737.57.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to approve application for VT Wildland Fire Gear Grant in the amount of \$1,475.14 with 50% match from the Town. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. EMS TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION- Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS presented his power point to the Selectboard for review. He will be presenting this to the public at Town Meeting if necessary.

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge to enter session as Board of Liquor Control. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Eric Dodge to approve Liquor License Renewals as Presented for CVS Pharmacy, Lost Nation Brewing, Maxi Green Inc. (Rite Aid), and VFW Post 9653. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Joni Lanphear to come out of Board of Liquor Control and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion Carried. (5/0)

VII. TA REPORT

1. Public Hearing/Informational Meeting will be held February 23, 2016 at 7:00pm@ the Elementary School. We will be discussing the fire truck purchase and any other questions that come up.
2. We had some issues with the HRA but it seems those are resolved.
3. Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator would like to move all festivities including the fireworks down to the Oxbow.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Joni Lanphear-

- None

Steve Rae-

- Is the Info Meeting advertised? Dan said we will be putting it on Facebook, FPF and the Web.

Brian Kellogg-

- None

Bob Beeman-

- None.

Eric Dodge-

- None

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Denny wanted to thank the Town Crew for doing some cutting on Trombley Hill. Looks good. Also Denny mentioned that they had a call on Moran Loop[Bedell Hill] and was glad it was not closed like last winter.

Brian Kellogg made a motion, 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)

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

Brian Kellogg made a motion to we enter executive session to discuss potential pending litigation & employee relations and to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statute. Motion carried. (5/0)

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

Motion made by Eric Dodge, seconded by Brian Kellogg adjourn at 9:00PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 17th day of February 2016
Erica Allen, Scribe

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