



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 10, 2017

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

Department Heads: Richard Keith, Chief of Police & Acting Town Administrator; Carol Bradley Finance Director; Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief, Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator; Todd Thomas, Zoning & Planning Director, and Corey Boisvert, Acting EMS Chief.

Guests: Richard Lowe, Heather Decker, Dennis Smith, Paul Trudell, Gorden Decker, Laura Vilalto, Darcie Abhaer, Tim Monaghan, Jay Caroli.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. None

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of March 27, 2017 to include changes to the motion to approve warrants[Brian did not make the motion and only 4 member were present]motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Richard Lowe wondered when the paving bids would be coming out. Richard Keith, Acting Town Administrator said that Dan Lindley, Town Administrator is working on it.
2. Richard also asked about the alternate access off Elmore Street for the school. Board member Bob Beeman stated that the school is still working through the options.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

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

<u>Renewal Applicant:</u>	<u>Liquor/Class:</u>	<u>Outside consumption:</u>
10 th Hole (Sharon McGaughan)	1 st	Yes
Cibo e'vita Inc DBA Ornella's	1st	No
El Toro Inc	1st	Yes

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

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to come out of Board of Liquor Control and enter regular Selectboard session, motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Parking on Main Street- Morristown Alliance Commerce and Culture has been working on ways to improve the parking in the downtown. Paul Trudell presented drawings for angled parking. Paul thought we would be able to double the parking. Currently there are 14 spaces from the post office to the police department. Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator feels that we really need to look at ways to improve the parking with all the new business that is coming to the downtown. It may also help to slow traffic down. Board member Eric Dodge was concerned about the truck traffic that still comes into the downtown and trying to make the corner by the police station with vehicles parked at an angle. He felt that may be too dangerous and an accident waiting to happen. He said he would consider angled parking limited to in front of Pizza on Main and Black Cap Café. Shawn Goodell also stated that the fire department needs about 4 feet in front of that building for access to water. The board would like to see a more to scale drawing and will discuss at their next meeting on the 24th of April.

2. Caring for Canopy Grant- Todd Thomas, Planning Director would like to apply for a caring for canopy grant. The grant would allow for two trees to be planted at the Oxbow and two for the library. There is a \$600 match that the Town will need to find funding for.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve application for the Canopy for Trees Grant, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. New Hires for Highway Department- We interviewed 3 candidates for the open positions at the highway department. All were very good applicants. Richard Keith, Acting Town Administrator would like to hire 2 at this time, Walter Judd, Wesley Limlaw IV.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve new hires for the Highway Department Walter Judd at Grade 2 Step 1 currently at \$15.57 per hour and Wesley Limlaw IV at Grade 4 Step 1 currently at \$16.56 per hour contingent upon a reference check , motion was seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. Approve Bid for New Police Truck- Richard Keith, Police Chief would like Selectboard approval to order a new police truck that would replace the 2011 Tahoe. This will be a leased vehicle.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve bid from McMahons for a 2017 Chevy Silverado for a total price of \$46,355.00, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. Carnival for 4th of July-Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator was approached by the director of MASP, Kathy Cookson. They would like to have a carnival at the Oxbow as part

of the July 4th activities as a fundraiser to raise money for the bus they are working on purchasing. The Selectboard would like to see the proper paper work such as an application and liability insurance.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss Event at the Oxbow-** Tom Moog would like to have a music and a beer tent at the Oxbow. This event would be held in conjunction with the Town. Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator will do fundraising to help pay for the free music. The event would be on July 9, 2017 from noon to dusk.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve event at the Oxbow with Tom Moog providing the beer tent and will waive the \$500 security deposit, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 2. Discuss Tax Exemptions-** Todd Thomas presented the Selectboard with a press release in hopes they would approve the \$75,000 tax exemption which would allow potential new build to reap an approximately \$1800 or \$600 per year for up to 3 years tax benefit provided they build a new home within the village limits or a farm outside the village limits. Selectboard asked Todd Thomas to revise his press release taking out the responsibility of the Selectboard, as this would be an article for Town meeting 2018.
- 3. Selectboard signed the loan documents for the Quint Pumper Truck.**

VII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve warrants through April 10, 2017, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear. Motion carried. (5/0)

VIII. TA REPORT-

- Dan is doing really well and seems to be ahead of schedule.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS-

Joni Lanphear

- None

Yvette Mason

- None

Brian Kellogg

- None

Eric Dodge

- None

Bob Beeman-

- Thanked Richard Keith for stepping in to fill Dan's shoes in his absence.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Eric Dodge 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 seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss labor relationships with Highway Union 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 approve Highway Union Contract as presented effective April 3, 2017, motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM, motion seconded by Joni Lanphear Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 11th day of April, 2017

Erica Allen, Scribe

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