



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Eric Dodge, Yvette Mason and Chris Towne

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Nathan Pickard, Chief of EMS, Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief, Richard Keith, Chief of Police and Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Richard Lowe, Max Paine, Denny DiGregorio, Ron Bohmer

Brian Kellogg called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. No Changes or Additions

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of September 11, 2017, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)**
2. **Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of September 18, 2017, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)**

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Richard Lowe asked about the angle parking and why the Town didn't follow through. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said Doug Wallace chalked out the lines and discovered it was not going to work. Dan looked at it as well as Richard Keith, Todd Thomas, Tricia Follert and Maria from Pizza on Main. They all decided it was not going to work. Dan felt it would present a huge safety concern. The Selectboard would like to see it chalked out as designed in the submitted drawing from Paul Trudell. Dan said they could do that before the next Selectboard Meeting on Tuesday Oct. 10, 2017.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. NEW BUSINESS

Speed Limit Change Lawrence Farm Rd. - Residents of Lawrence Farm Rd. sent letters requesting to change the speed limit from 50MPH to 35MPH. This is an unpaved road so there is no need to conduct a speed study. It would just need to go through the ordinance change process.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve speed limit change on Lawrence Farm Road from 50 MPH to 35 MPH, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried (4/0)

- 1. Sale of Fire Engine** - The Wolcott Town Fire department has a use for the old Fire Engine and would like to buy it. Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief has suggested to sell it to Wolcott for \$1.00.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to sell Fire Engine to Wolcott Fire Department for \$1.00 motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion Carried. (4/0)

- 2. Tree Sculpture Placement**- This is the 3rd tree in the series. It was originally supposed to go in front of the Police Station, but Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator would like to see it go on the Island in front of the Noyes House once the Rt. 100 sidewalk project is complete next year. The tree has not yet been funded.

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve placement of Tree Sculpture on the island in front of Noyes House once the Rt 100 sidewalk Project is complete, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)

- 3. Zoning Administrator Appointment**- The town is required by statute to reappoint its Zoning Administrator every 3 years. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator would like to reappoint Todd Thomas as the Zoning Administrator.

Motion made by Chris Towne to appoint Todd Thomas as the Zoning Administrator for a 3 year term and to also appoint Dan Lindley as Acting Administrative Officer when Todd is unavailable to function in the primary Administrative Officer role for a period of 21 consecutive days, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)

- 4. Accept Resignation from Planning Council** – Yvette Mason is resigning from the Planning Council for personal reasons.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept resignation from Yvette Mason from the Planning Council, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (3/0) Yvette Mason Abstained.

- 5. Sale of Tahoe**- Richard would like to sell the 2011 Tahoe Police Cruiser. McMahons has offered to wholesale it for \$5,000.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve sale of 2011 Tahoe for \$5,000 through McMahons, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried.(4/0)

- 6. Purchase Plow & Frame for 2017 F350 Highway Truck**- Roland Received two quotes for new plow. Fisher Plow for \$5156; this one however, will void the warranty on the truck. He also received a bid for a Boss Plow for \$7193; this is a much more heavy duty plow and will not void the warranty on the truck.

Motion made by Chris Towne to purchase Boss Plow & Frame for 2017 Highway Truck from HP Fairfield, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)

7. **Purchase Trailer for Equipment Hauling-** Roland would like to purchase a 14,000lb trailer from green mountain trailer sales. This is a used trailer being sold “as is”. Roland has looked at trailer and talked with previous owner. It is in good working order.

Motion made by Chris Towne to purchase trailer from Green Mountain Trailer Sales in the amount of \$3,350, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)

8. **EMS Department Volunteer Hire-** Nathan would like to add Colby Masse and Emily Fisher to the Volunteer roster.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to hire Colby Masse as a volunteer to the Morristown EMS Department, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion Carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to hire Emily Fisher as a volunteer to the Morristown EMS Department, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

VII. APPROVE WARRANTS-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve warrants through September 25, 2017, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

VIII. TA REPORT-

- Job Descriptions have been updated and ready for the Selectboard review.
- Next Meeting will be on Tuesday Oct. 10 due to the Columbus Day holiday.
- Paving is going good and should be completed by end of next week. We will be looking at putting together another paving plan for spring.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Yvette Mason

- Received complaints regarding speed on Trombley Hill. Richard Keith, Chief of Police said they just completed the speed study on Trombley Hill with the Speed Cart. Average Speed is 40. Current posted speed is 35.

Brian Kellogg

- None

Eric Dodge

- None

Bob Beeman-

- Not Present

Chris Towne-

- Curious about the history behind the fire alarm. Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief said that it used to be used to alert firefighters of a fire as they did not always have pagers. They are working to set the alarm so that it does not go off between 9PM and 6AM. The alarm runs of the air system at the fire station so sometimes sounds a bit off.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature public knowledge of pending or probable civil litigation or prosecution, to which the public body is or may be party will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing is negation strategy, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter Executive Session to discuss pending or probable litigation or prosecution under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statues, to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature public knowledge of contractual agreements with the Highway Union, to which the public body is or may be party will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing is negation strategy, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

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Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to continue to retain Andrew Wolinsky as Town Attorney in the matters of Vermont Peanut Butter, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve deposit control agreements with Union Bank and TD Bank between the Town and Vermont Peanut Butter and to authorize Tom Hirschak to sign on behalf of the Town, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Working Crew Leader Job Description as amended, motion seconded by Yvette Mason. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve pay scale for the Working Crew Leader as Presented, motion seconded by Eric Dodge Motion Carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn the meeting at 8:30PM, motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 26th day of September 2017

Erica Allen, Scribe

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