SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 26, 2024

Members: Judy Bickford, Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Carrie Johnson, Interim Town Manager; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Shap Smith, Moderator

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Kristin Marriott; Anne Downey-Greenharg; Tom Cloutier; Jamie Jaret; George Cormier; Sheila Tarbox; Tony Cote, Bob Bortree, Jerry Throne, Evelyn Throne, Paul Griswold, Christy Snipp, Donnie Blake

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL INFORMATIONAL HEARING TO ORDER

Shap Smith, Town Moderator, called the Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

1. **Town Warning Overview**
   Shap Smith, the town moderator, informed the gathering that the vote would be held by ballot on March 5, 2024, at the Morristown Municipal Building, 43 Portland Street, versus a town meeting. The Annual Town Report with the town budget is available to the public. It is dedicated to Brain Kellogg. The meeting is being recorded, questions must be addressed to the moderator, and speakers are allowed two minutes to speak. The Moderator read each of the 30 articles. There was one question asking for clarification on articles 13 and 25. The differences between the two separate animal rescue shelters were explained. One individual spoke in support of article 28, Salvation Farms. The Informational Hearing on the Town Warnings adjourned at 6 pm.

6:00PM - CALL THE SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

6:01PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

6:02PM - APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of 2/5/24. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

1. **Approve minutes 2-5-24**
   Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of 2/5/24. Motion seconded by Chris

Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

6:04PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. **Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control**

    1. **Approve Liquor License Renewals**
    2. **Approve Tobacco License Renewals**

Motion made by Don McDowell to recess the Selectboard meeting and open as the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

Liquor License Renewals

Applicant	Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
Soulmate Brewing Company	74 Portland Street	X			X
Global Montello Group Corp DBA Jiffy Mart #686	302 VT Rte 15 W		X		
Premium Properties Morrisville LLC (MoBev)	81 Bridge St		X		
Mountain View Campground Corp	3154 VT Rte 15 E		X		

Tobacco License Renewals

Applicant	Location	Tobacco	Tobacco Substitute Endorsement
Premium Properties Morrisville LLC (MoBev)	81 Bridge St	X	X

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the Liquor License and Tobacco License renewals as presented. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)
Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn the Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control Meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)
Motion made by Don McDowell to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. **Long term flood protection - LCPC, Seth Jensen**
   Seth Jensen of The Lamoille County Planning Commission wishes to form a regional flood resiliency committee and is seeking a representative from Morristown. Don McDowell has expressed an interest in joining. Anyone interested should contact Judi Alberti at the Town offices.

3. **Sara Haskins, MasterMunicipal Clerk (MMC)**
   Congratulations go to Sara Haskins, who has met the requirements necessary to achieve the designation of Master Municipal Clerk. This is currently the highest level of certification granted by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She joins a small, dignified group of 12 in the state of Vermont.

6:15PM - OLD BUSINESS

This meeting marks Judy Bickford's last time as Selectboard Chair for the Town. Chris Palermo complimented Judy on her years of leadership and service. Judy was acknowledged for her contributions.

Status of the Town Manager search - A total of 75 applications were received with 6 chosen for interviews.

6:17PM - WARRANTS

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Laura Streets . Motion carried. (5/0)

6:20PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There was a request for a Town Manager Report to be added to the Selectboard meeting agenda in the future. Other comments concerned the Assistant Zoning job, the town ice rink, and the library. Carrie Johnson created clarity around these discussions.

Assistant Zoning is something the town needs in order to cover the Zoning Administrator position when they are on vacation, out ill, or need assistance during the busiest season. There is money in the budget to cover 1 day a week, maybe twice a month. It depends on the needs.

The ice rink will be moved winter 2024 to a TBD location. The recreation coordinator has raised all the funds used for the ice rink.

The library has been part of the municipality for as long as folks can remember. The voters vote for the trustees of the library, so that is why it is in the town government budget and not as a separate appropriation.

6:25PM - SCHEDULE

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Monday, March 18th at 5:30PM SB Meeting
Monday, April 1st at 5:30PM SB Meeting

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6:28PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

6:30PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM
Submitted and filed this February 29, 2024 .
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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