



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF JUNE 3, 2024**

Members: Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Carrie Johnson, Project Manager; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Kristin Marriott, Tom Cloutier, Alexander Cyr, Barry Russo, Steve Hilfiker, Jamie Brewster, Tony Cote, Sheila Tarbox, Moriah Stokes

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building. He introduced the new Town Manager, Brent Raymond, and welcomed him to his first Selectboard meeting.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

As the town's lawyer was present, the Chair decided to go into Executive Session at this time.

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive Session because premature general public knowledge of probable civil litigation, to which the public body is or may be party will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Chris Palermo to go into Executive Session to discuss the probable litigation under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes, to include, Attorney Jim Barlow, Town Manager, Brent Raymond and Interim Town Manager, Carrie Johnson. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Chris Palermo to come out of the Executive Session at 5:48 pm. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Chris Palermo to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes 5-6-24

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of 5/6/2024. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Right of Way applications - Portland St/Railroad St

Mr. Steven Hilfiker presented two right-of-way applications on Portland St - Railroad St. to take soil vapor samples at the request of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. The Borings will be advanced no deeper than 10 ft below grade. Surface completion will consist of a flush-mount road box set in a small concrete apron. The workers have made efforts not to impede traffic. June 10th is the installation date and June 24 for follow-up as needed. ***Motion made by Richard Craig to approve the right-of-way applications with the Dig Safe paperwork renewals. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0).***

2. Board of Liquor & Tobacco Control

1. Approve Liquor License Applications
2. Approve Tobacco License Applications
3. Approve Special Events Permit (Manufacturer)

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

Applicant	Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
Co Grocers Group LLC	302 VT Rte 15 W		X		

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the Liquor License application by Co Grocers Group LLC as presented. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Applicant	Location	Tobacco	Tobacco Substitute Endorsement
Co Grocers Group LLC	302 VT Rte 15 W	X	

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the Tobacco License application by Co Grocers Group LLC as presented. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Applicant	Date	Time	Event Name	Location	Estimate # of people
Rock Art Brewery LLC	6/8/2024	2-6 PM	Open House	NCAL	100-150

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the Request to Cater Permits application by Rock Art Brewery as presented. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Chris Palermo to reconvene the Selectboard meeting. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

3. Private Road Names

1. Twisty Maple Drive

2. Gabriella Lane

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the request for a new private road, Twisty Maple Drive, with sign and post. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the request for a new private road, Gabriella Lane, with sign and post. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

4. Award Billing Scholarship(s)

Motion made by Richard Craig to award two Billings Scholarship awards in the amount of \$500 each to both Falon Forrest and Kendall Van Blunk. Motion seconded by Chris Palermo. Motion carried (5/0).

5. Approve financing for Walton Bridge

Motion made by Chris Palermo to accept the bid from the Union Bank for the capital improvement note to finance the repair and replacement of the Walton Bridge for an amount of \$510,000 at a fixed 5.49% interest rate for a term of 10 years. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).

The Selectboard thanks the Union Bank for its continued support for Morristown.

6. Sign Annual Financial Management Questionnaire

Motion made by Chris Palermo to receive the annual financial management questionnaire as presented by Town Treasurer, Sara Haskins and appoint Chair Don McDowell to sign the form on behalf of the Board. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

7. Sign Lamoille County Sheriff's Department Agreement

Motion made by Chris Palermo to accept the annual contract between the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Morristown for the provision of services and appoint Chair Don McDowell to sign the form on behalf of the Board. Motion seconded by Laura Streets. Motion carried (5/0).

8. Flood Mitigation Grant

Don McDowell informed the committee that the Flood Mitigation Grant, initiated by Senator Peter Welch, will accept funding applications by June 21st to protect the town from future flooding. He encouraged ideas for a common project and joint application from the Town and the Village. This topic will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting on June 17th.

5:50PM - OLD BUSINESS

1. Goeltz Road Update

Carrie Johnson gave an update and the history of the Goeltz Road since the flood. The timeline of events is now on the website and has been posted on social media. She informed the Board that there is a bid request for the site work contractor at Goeltz Road.

5:55PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

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

5:56PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Mr. Brewster suggested that the dispatch expenses for police, fire and rescue departments included in the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department Annual Agreement should be evaluated individually and allocated per call basis. He also requested that the Elmore Street stormdrain should be evaluated.

Mr. Cote remarked on the overgrowth on Stagecoach Rd and his overall dissatisfaction. The Town Manager, Brent Raymond, took his number to discuss his concerns.

6:00PM - SCHEDULE

- 1. Monday, June 17, 2024 - SB Meeting 5:30PM**
Monday, July 1, 2024 - SB Meeting 5:30PM

The agenda for June stands with no changes.

6:01PM - OTHER BUSINESS

The Charter Committee will meet on 6/24/24 at 5:30 PM in light of the legislature's new update to local option taxes. All members will be informed of the meeting.

6:02PM - EXECUTIVE SESSION - LEGAL

- 1. Executive Session to discuss a legal matter**
Motion made by Richard Craig to determine a border agreement with the 5 Park Street LLC and authorize the Chair, Don McDowell to sign for the committee. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (4/0/1). Don McDowell abstained.

6:20PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm
Submitted and filed this June 3, 2024.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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