SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

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

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF:Jason Luneau, Chief of Police; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Martin Green, Laura Green, Tom Cloutier, Jerry Throne, Evelyn Throne, Sheila Tarbox, Tony Cote, Julie Nepveu, Dave Nepveu, Denis Nepveu*, David Ring

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER
Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:34 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS
Add new item #1 Recognition to New Business.

5:32PM - APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Approve minutes of Public Hearing 9-3-24**
   Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of Public Hearing 9/3/2024. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)
2. **Approve SB minutes of 9-3-24**
   Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the minutes of the select board meeting on 9/3/2024. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried. (5/0)

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS
1. Don McDowell gave recognition to Elizabeth Chase and Mitzi Fleming of the Town Clerk/Treasurers Office for their accomplishments earning certificates at the professional development training at the State Election Summit and the Vermont Clerks and Treasurerrs Association conference.

1. **Recognition of Town Staff**
   Congratulations to Mitzi Fleming and Elizabeth Chase being presented with their Vermont certified treasurer and Vermont certified Clerk designation at the Vermont Clerks and Treasurer's association annual conference banquet.
2. **Decision on Amendment Town Plan**

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adopt an amendment to the 2022-2030 municipal development plan (a/k/a Town Plan) Chapter 3: Transportation as presented. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).

3. **Approve MERP Implementation Grant**
   Motion made by Chris Palermo to Motion to approve MERP Implementation grant and proceed with priority projects as presented, totaling $137,214 for energy conservation measures and $9,010 for ADA improvements, and any other contingency cost for improvements with zero match from the town and authorize Brent Raymond to sign the agreement. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).

4. **Halloween Road Closure for 2024**
   Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve the closing of the following streets in the Village for trick-or-treating on Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Maple St, Cherry Ave, Harrison Ave, Union St (easterly), Summer St, Court St. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

   Jerry Throne expressed concern for the tricker-treaters on Congress Street. Duly noted by Chief Luneau.

5. **Assign the Town Manager as the voting delegate for:**
   a. Election of VLCT Directors
   b. Election of PACIF Directors Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc.
   c. Election of VERB Directors - Employment Resource and Benefits Trust, Inc.
   d. Adoption of the VLCT Municipal Policy
   e. Other VLCT Business
   Motion made by Chris Palmero to assign the Town Manager as the voting delegate for the Election of VLCT Directors, Election of PACIF Directors Property and Casualty Intermunicipal Fund, Inc., Election of VERB Directors - Employment Resource and Benefits Trust, Inc., Adoption of the VLCT Municipal Policy, and Other VLCT Business. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried (5/0).

6. **Approve Standard ARPA Grant Agreement, public-private stormwater partnership, with the State of Vermont, Department of Environmental Conservation for the Morristown Jersey Way stormwater project**
   Motion made by Chris Palermo to approve and authorize Brent Raymond, Town Manager, to sign the Standard ARPA Grant Agreement, public-private stormwater partnership, with the State of Vermont, Department of Environmental Conservation for the Morristown Jersey Way stormwater project as presented. Motion seconded by George Cormier. Motion carried (5/0).

7. **82 Portland Street proposed parking waiver and discussion of letter dated April 8, 2022**
   Returning to the Selectboard from 2022 is the issue of converting the Nepveu building at 82 Portland St. into 18 small apartments with parking spaces that must be available to the tenants to meet the required regulations. Julie Nepveu, owner of the building, does not intend to sell the building. She would like to provide smaller apartments to meet the public's needs. Discussion followed regarding the available parking in town. Todd Thomas stated that there are enough parking spaces in town, and thinks the select board should support the DRB. This project would improve the building's appearance downtown. Laura Streets pointed out that the parking does not have to be allocated for the apartments, they only need to be available on a first-come basis. Chris Palermo and George Cormier

were concerned about the availability of parking spaces for the town. As the committee members did not form a consensus about the parking issues, the decision was made not to pursue any action on this topic.

5:55PM - OLD BUSINESS

None

5:56PM - APPROVE WARRANTS

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

6:00PM - COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Julie Nepveu informed the selectboard about the imminent deadline for the HUD Section 108 legendary grant. Tony Cote told the committee that he paid $500 to fix the ditch that has been flooding for years.

6:10PM - SCHEDULE

1. **Upcoming schedule:**
   a. Monday, September 23, 2024 - SB Charter Public Hearing 5:30PM
   b. Monday, September 30, 2024 - SB Special Meeting Sign resolution and warning for local election 5:30PM
   c. Monday, September 30, 2024 - SB Charter Public Hearing 5:35PM
   d. Thursday, October 3, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6:00PM - The Wing Center
   e. Monday, October 7, 2024 - SB Meeting 5:30PM
   f. Wednesday, October 9, 2024 - SB Special Meeting - 6:00PM - The Wing Center

6:15PM - OTHER BUSINESS

None

6:30PM - ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm
Submitted and filed this 9/16/2024.
Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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