



SELECT BOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 16, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Eric Dodge & Judy Bickford

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Highway Foreman; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; and Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief.

Guests: Luke Heller, Peter Kourkoulis, Andrew Martin, Jim Lovinsky, Tyler Mumley, Lee LaBier, Yvonne Lory, Olga Mardach, Laura Nepveu, Jenn Wood, Kathleen Liebler, Peter Christie, Pete Liebler, Samantha Dunn. Bob Titterton, Doug Wallace & Paula Beattie.

Bob Beeman called the Select Board Meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Addition to Errors & Omissions

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of December 2, 2019. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. **Cell Tower**- Discussion regarding the distance of the new cell tower that has been constructed at the Copley Country Club from the schools and the potential of exposing the students to cancer due to the radioactive waves from the tower. Selectboard suggested talking to the Public Service Board at the State and/or the Water & Light Department as well as providing more supporting research.
2. **Capstone Community Action**- Presentation by Yvonne Lory about Capstone's programming available. Capstone serves families in Lamoille, Orange & Washington County. 282 households were served in Morristown over the past year. Capstone gets their funding from federal grants, fundraising as well as the Town appropriations.

3. **Central Vermont Council on Aging**- Mary Hayden presented an overview of the services they provide. The Council on Aging provides services such as case management, help signing up for meals on wheels, coordinating transportation, Medicare assistance, mental health services and legal services to individuals that are 60 and over in 54 towns through out Central Vermont. Their current budget is \$3.7million. Funding comes from Federal grants and fundraising. Town appropriations account for 2% of their budget.
4. **Green Mountain Transit**- Jenn Wood representative from GMT discussed transportation services provided by GMT. GMT receives \$5763 as an appropriation from Morristown. They provide several options for transportation to and from Morristown.
5. **Mud City Loop Residents**- Due to the Halloween storm the mud brook culvert has been determined unstable and unsafe and therefore has been closed since the storm. The culvert needs to be replaced with a box culvert and the Town would need to seek a permit from the Agency of Natural Resources to replace the culvert. Several residents expressed their concerns over the length of time it has been closed and the inconvenience of having to go around. The detour is not only inconvenient but is not always the best road to travel during mud season or in winter. It doesn't look like the culvert will be able to be replaced until sometime next spring. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator did contact the state and asked about getting a "maybe" bridge. The State determined that it didn't meet the specifications for a temporary bridge since there was an alternative route. The Town was just notified last week that we were unable to receive the temporary bridge. At this point we will start to move forward with getting a design for a box culvert and start the permitting process with the state.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to hire Mumley Engineering to do a preliminary estimate for a box culvert replacement for Mud City Loop. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Approve Duhamel Pit Act 250 Application & Forest Management Plan** – Tyler Mumley from Mumley Engineering has completed the application for the Act 250 permit and it is ready to be submitted to the State for approval. Once the State has approved, there will be a hearing process for public input. Fran Sladyk the Town Forester has also completed the Forest Management Plan which address the Japanese Knotweed and also suggests some logging for the health of the forest.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Act 250 Permit Application to be submitted to the State for Approval. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. **ECI Paving-** The cost to do the repairs to the Stagecoach Rd. were more than what was originally thought.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve cost of repair to the Stagecoach Rd. in the amount of \$10, 290.00. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. **Storm Damage Update-** Current costs of the Storm is estimated to be \$229,177.09. In the past the State & Federal reimbursement has been about 85%.

VI. NEW BUSINESS-

1. **Vermont Community Development Program Application-**

Lamoille Housing Partnership wants to apply for a Block Grant for the Village Center Apartments. As in the past the Town is the applicant. There will need to be a public hearing at a Selectboard meeting for public comment. The Selectboard will need to approve and sign a resolution which will be placed on the January 21, Selectboard Meeting.

2. **Sidewalks-**

Selectboard Discussed sidewalks that are in need of repair and how much to add to the budget. With reserves from this fiscal year and what we currently have budgeted for next fiscal year there would be about \$120K to repair sidewalks. Discussed extending the industrial park sidewalk and continuing Main Street up Elmore Street.

3. **Errors & Omissions-**

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Errors & Omissions as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

4. **Budget Discussion**

Motion made by Eric Dodge table Budget discussion for another meeting. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (4/0)

VII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Warrants through December 16, 2019.

Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

VIII. TA REPORT

- Working on the Highway Union Contract
- Will need to schedule another meeting for the Highway & Capital Budget

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne – Not present

Brian Kellogg – None

Eric Dodge – None.

Bob Beeman – Sorry for the Long Meeting!

Judy Bickford – None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

None

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford.

Motion carried. (4/0) Meeting adjourned at 9:20PM

Respectfully submitted and filed this 16th day of December, 2019

Erica Allen, Scribe

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