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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2008

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman, Dave Yacovone and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director, Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Bill Spear, Fire Chief and Richard Keith, Chief of Police.

Guests: Donnie Digregorio Alex Garvin, Mary West, Kate Willard, Kathleen O'Neill, John Duffy, JB McKinley, Steve Rae, and Ann Heath.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. **Heath Property Acquisition-** Kate Willard, Department of Forest Parks & Recreation; Steve Rae, Conservation Commission; Ann Heath, Property Owner were here to discuss the State taking over the Heath Property that is adjoining the Mansfield Forest. Ann Heath's family no longer has a use for the property and would like to donate their land to the State which consists of 10 acres. Department of Forest Parks and Recreation is mainly looking for the Town's "blessing" on the acquisition.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Acquisition on of the Heath property by the State Department of Forest Parks and Recreation. Motion approved (5/0)

2. **Lamoille Regional Solid Waste- Kurt Hanson, District Representative**- discussed some personnel issues within the district; some that have been resolved and some that are on- going. The District has discussed dissolving recycling fees but increasing trash fees by .50 cents, Kurt doesn't feel this is the proper approach since fees were just increased in January. Construction disposal has gone down due to the economy, but revenues are still covering the cost of disposal.
   Kurt will be moving back to Stowe and therefore will no longer be able to serve as the Town Representative on the Solid Waste District Board. The Selectboard thanked Kurt for serving on the Board.

   Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to accept Kurt Hanson's resignation with regrets. Motion approved. (5/0)

III. BUDGET REVIEW

1. **Library-** Sue Sargent, JB McKinley, John Duffy, Kathleen O'Neill were present to represent the Library. Discussed Revenues and Expenses for the library. Some expenses have increased due to increasing utilities. Fuel is a guess at this point, will have a better reading on this after the first of the year. Library is moving forward with their construction project. They are in the "quiet" phase of fundraising at this point, but will become more vocal in the spring. They have contacted our

Federal Representative regarding earmark funds for the Library expansion. The Selectboard also thought it might be helpful to meet with representative's regarding the economic stimulus package.

Selectboard also discussed with the Library Board the future use of the Cole property. Once the expansion is complete they would like to use a portion of it for parking purposes.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Request for Street Light on Elmore Street-** Scott West has requested one to two street lights on Elmore Street near the Gerald Tripp residence. He feels that it is a safety issue for people walking that street at night. Richard Keith (Chief of Police & Resident of Elmore Street) thinks there is a light there but bulb may be out. Board would like Dan Lindley, TA to look into whether there are lights there or not, and what it would cost to place lights on the poles, and what kind of lights would be more efficient and could they be on a timer.

Shaun Bryer stepped out of the meeting @ 7:15PM

2. **American Red Cross-** Has requested an appropriation in the amount of $250.00. Board feels that we should ask them to submit a petition as all organizations do that are requesting funds.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Fire Department Tanker Replacement- Bill Spear, Fire Chief and Denny Digregorio, Engine Captain, presented bids on the Tanker Replacement. A stainless steel tank was quoted at $60,000 for replacement and a poly tank was quoted at $46,472 to replace. Would like to replace and pay for in this fiscal year. Reserve fund has about $56,000 in it so we would be able to replace with a poly tank.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to replace tank with a poly tank. Motion approved. (4/0)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Lamoille County Court Budget Meeting-** Brian Kellogg and Bob Beeman will be attending the meeting.
2. **DRB-** Request for a Cemetery on a piece of land on Route 100 between NCAL animal shelter and the Farm Resort. They will be considering the application at their next meeting. The Selectboard would like more information on the Statutes relating to cemetery and the Town's responsibility for them if the Association should dissolve.
3. **Bids for Bridge Street Bridge-** Dan would like to discuss this in Executive Session due to discussing resumes of the individuals that work for the firm. Some questions raised by the public as to the necessity of an Executive Session. The board felt that because we were not discussing the Engineering Firm in general that an Executive Session was warranted because the Board would be discussing contractual and resumes. The Board moved topic to the end of the meeting.
4. **Discuss Line of Credit-** The Union Bank has offered a loan at an interest rate of 2.6%, Mary Ann didn't have all the paper work from the Bank for the Board to sign. Board can approve loan and stop in the office and sign papers.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to approve Union Bank Loan for the purpose of reconstructing the Bridge Street Bridge. Motion approved. (4/0)

VII. TA REPORT

1. Hearthstone has delayed expansion due to the economy; in the meantime, Dan is moving forward with finding funding for the project. There is a State reimbursable loan that will cover the cost of designing the project.
2. Carol needs budget books back to update.
3. Will be working on final fuel prices. Should have figures by the first of the year.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Todd Yando-** Summer Street is breaking up can we seal cracks to help prolong?
- **Bob Beeman-** None
- **Dave Yacovone-** would like to add County Collaborative to the next agenda(December 29, 2008)
- **Brian Kellogg-** None

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of December 8, 2008
2. Approve & Sign Warrants
3. Approve & Sign Errors & Omissions

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (4/0)

Shaun Bryer returned to the meeting @ 8:10PM

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter Executive Session for Contractual Issues.

DISCUSSION

Alex Garvin asked why the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss bids. The Board explained that they would be discussing resumes of the individual employees and not the Firm itself. The Board explained that they would come out of executive session and make a decision in open session.

Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to exit Executive Session at 8:35PM. Motion approved.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to hire Ruggiano Engineering.

Some questions arose as to how we would know if the design would fit the bridge. The Board reiterated that the Engineering firm is not designing the bridge they are managing the project. They will send RFP's out to design firms and construction firms requesting a design/build and they will oversee whomever the Board selects to construct the bridge.

Motion Amended to read "hire Ruggiano Engineering contingent upon favorable review of references, prepared budget outlining phases of project, and review of contract. Motion approved. (5/0)

On a Motion by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman, the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:00PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 16th day of December 2008.
Tina Sweet for Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator
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