



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF DECEMBER 5, 2022**

Members: Bob Beeman, Don McDowell, Brian Kellogg, Jess Graham, Judy Bickford*

Absent:

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, Town Administrator; Judi Alberi, Administrator's Assistant; Todd Thomas, Planning/Zoning Director; Jason Luneau, Police Chief; Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Paula Beattie, Human Resources Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Tom Cloutier, Jennifer Faith, Gary Briggs, Kristin Marriott, Duane Sprague, David Ring, Etienne Hancock, Graham Mink, Barry Russo,

**participating via Zoom*

PUBLIC HEARING

Bob Beeman opened the public hearing at 6 PM at the Tegu Building.

1. Discuss partial discontinuance of West High Street

Public comment is being taken tonight about the discontinuance of West High Street. Judy Bickford did speak with Mary and Mary expressed she was not attending tonight's public hearing as she had already expressed her concerns regarding the turn around if the Town was to do a partial discontinuance. Mary believes her driveway would be used as a turn around spot.

Eric Dodge suggested that the board require an easement for snow removal and plowing, along with an easement for Morrisville Water & Light for the sewer manhole if they were going to do a partial discontinuance of the road.

No decision is being made this evening. The Selectboard will make a decision on December 19, 2022 at the next regular meeting.

CALL SELECTBOARD MEETING TO ORDER

Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:23PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

- 1. Add Liquor Control for Event by Rockart Brewery**
Add Errors and Omissions
Delete Personnel Policy

APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes 11-21-22

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of November 21, 2022. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0) with amendments.

New Business:

#1 - Stuart May Presentation - Community Center - Correct the school name: Lamoille South Unified Union

#8 - Personnel Policy - Add the word "proposed" to the second sentence so it reads "Some of the proposed major changes"

Selectboard Concerns:

Correct the first sentence to "Don McDowell met with Katrina James, Family Development Housing Counselor at Capstone Community Action".

2. Approve minutes 11-28-22

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of November 28, 2022. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. Approve minutes 11-30-22

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the minutes of November 30, 2022. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried. (4/0) Brian Kellogg abstained.

LIQUOR CONTROL

1. Special Events Permit - Rock Art Brewery

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to enter Liquor Control. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried. (5/0)

Sara Haskins received a request for a special event permit for Rock Art Brewery at Thompson's Flour Shop on December 17th. Chief Luneau commented that he had no concerns with this permit.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve special event permit as presented. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried. (5/0).

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to come out of Liquor Control. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

NEW BUSINESS

1. Errors and Omissions

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the Errors and Omission certificate as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Consider fee waiver for Copley Hospital

On behalf of Copley Hospital Inc., Mark Sutton joined the Selectboard meeting via zoom to request a \$250 fee waiver for an application that was denied by the DRB.

Motion made by Jess Graham to waive the \$250 application fee. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0).

3. Decision on Zoning Bylaws

The Trustees and Selectboard agreed to approve the proposed 2022 zoning changes as warned, but without the new steep slope regulations, and while only striking the paved road allowance of the conservation subdivision bylaw's density bonus. Jess Graham and Don McDowell have reservations regarding eliminating steep slope regulations and would like to see this attempted in 2023.

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the warned zoning changes as proposed while omitting only the new steep slope regulations from revised Section 342, and only omitting subsection (c) from Section 510(5)(5) of the Conservation Subdivision Bylaw's density bonus. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Additional Planning Council direction motion by the Selectboard & Trustees regarding 2023 Zoning Changes as follows:

Motion made by Don McDowell to direct the Planning Council to ensure that the Section 207 Historic District properties are shown on the new zoning map, to edit the recently revised road naming zoning bylaw to add in "at the direction of the Zoning Administrator" and to study allowing homeowners to have 2 short term rental properties in the town, with the exception of the village area, instead of the newly regulated primary property only. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

OLD BUSINESS

1. Personnel Policy - Deleted

APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Budget, Budget, Budget - Lots of work being done on the budget.
2. Renovations 2nd floor are complete for 2022. More work is to be done in 2023.
3. Minor repairs at the Library, a small leak resulting in water in the basement. Some minor repairs are being done to remedy the leak.
4. The Planning Council submitted a letter outlining year one objective in the Town Plan to update interior lighting to LED bulbs. Eric will reach out to Efficiency Vermont for a total cost.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Don McDowell - Thanks Todd and the Planning Council for all the work on Zoning Bylaws. The joint meeting with the trustees went well and was valuable.

Jess Graham - Attended Festival of Lights on December 3rd. Jess had a great time, met community members, spoke with lots of folks and had great soup! Thanks to all for their efforts to put this event on. Eric added that MACC contributed a lot to this event. Jess also discussed the hard time meeting obligations with the budget schedule. Would like to see longer meeting nights considered instead of meeting every Monday evening through November - January.

Brian Kellogg - all set

Judy Bickford - Attended tonight's meeting via Zoom and is impressed at how good everything sounds!

Thanks for all the hard work of Todd and the Planning Council regarding the recent Zoning Bylaws. Vacant land looks great at the corner of Congress Street/Lower Main Street.

Bob Beeman - Pleased to see the trees on the vacant lot that Tim Bryant purchased.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

Sara Haskins wanted to remind folks that the Selectboard election papers need to be in by Jan 30th at 5pm. Kudos to Sophie Beck - Over 100 community members were present at the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving day!

ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried. (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:12pm

Amended, submitted and filed this December 20, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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