SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Tina Sweet, Finance Director, & Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator and William Mapes, Chief of EMS.

Guests: Gloria Wing, Jason Luneau, Garth Christenson

By Phone: Mary Ann Wilson, Don McDowell, Kevin Lane, Neil Perlin

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

I. COPLEY TRUST

1. Lamoille County Star Gazers is looking for funds to pay for the tree removal at the Observatory located at People Academy. The cost of the tree removal was $5900. Neil Perlin would like to be reimbursed so the vendor does not have to wait 90 days since the work has already been done.

Motion made by Gloria Wing to approve the request for funds of $5900.00 for tree removal at the Observatory pending 90day final approval. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (7/0 Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y, Gloria Wing Y, Richard Sargent Y. Motion carried.

2. Richard Sargent has been handling the 990's for the Copley Trust and the bank is asking for him to be officially appointed as the agent to handle such items.

Motion made by Gloria Wing to appoint Richard as the agent to sign and prepare 990 forms, approve the transfer of funds and other items as it pertains to the Copley Trust. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y, Gloria Wing Y Richard Sargent Y. Motion carried.

3. **Motion made by Gloria Wing to approve minutes of November 2, 2020. Motion seconded by Richard Sargent. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Gloria Y, Richard Sargent Y. Motion carried.**

Copley Trust meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM

II. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add-Discuss Governors new Executive Order to New Business
2. Add Authorize Bob to sign letter for refund of education tax for Water & Light to New Business.

III. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Approve minutes of November 2, 2020**

   Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of November 2, 2020. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Don McDowell asked about meeting room size and what would happen if we had more people show for a meeting than was allowed. Would the meeting be moved to a different venue to allow more capacity or is the less than 10 people in a meeting regardless of room size? Bob Beeman, Chair was not sure and thought this was a great question for the Governor's office. Don also asked about ATV meetings & discussions regarding allowing ATV's on Town Roads. Dan has met with the ATV group once and Gary Nolan has also met with the ATV group once and will be meeting with Shap Smith this week. The Selectboard is not planning to discuss this further or take any action until spring. All those that have expressed interest in the matter will be notified of any discussion the Selectboard has.

2. Kevin Lane asked about meetings and what the Town could do to make them more accessible and to have the option for video. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator is working with Symquest our technology provider to improve the virtual meeting quality.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss New Executive Order from Governor's Office-** The new order states all businesses, not for profit entities and municipal government entities in the State shall reinstitute to the maximum extent possible or reemphasize to the extent necessary, telecommuting or work from home procedures. In-person meetings are strongly discouraged and all meetings should be held by telephone or electronically to avoid in-person meetings whenever possible. The town offices are set up in a way that does allow for social distancing. Office doors are closed for the most part. There are a limited amount of employees that could work from home. The Selectboard did not feel that was necessary at this time.

2. **Request for Recalculation of Education Tax Liability-** The State tax department has said that we can request reimbursement for the education portion of the taxes. This will offset the amount we owe back to Water & Light.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to authorize Bob Beeman, Chair to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.

3. **Lamoille Civic Center Presentation**– A couple of years ago the Selectboard asked that all the agencies that received funds from the Town come before the board during budget season and give a presentation. The Civic Center is one of 5 for this budget year. The Civic Center just came in the last meeting and talked about what their agency provides to the community when they requested funds from the Copley Trust for a kitchen remodel.

4. **Designated Downtown Boundaries -**

   Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator is working on the designated downtown application. Discussed the current downtown boundaries and feel that we should keep it the same for this application as changing them could slow down the process and possibly cause a denied application. The Selectboard agreed to leave the boundaries as is.

5. **Re- allocate Sidewalk funds-**
   Motion made by Gary Nolan to re-allocate sidewalk reserve funds for $61,436.06 to help defray the cost of leasing 11 Old Creamery Rd. for the Village Garage. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.

6. **Hyde Park Utility Fees-** Hyde Park was required by the State to improve its sewer & water system which was costly to the Village of Hyde Park. As of May, they have increased their fees for the Lamoille County Courthouse, the Sheriff's Department, Lamoille Union School, and Hyde Park Elementary by as much as 10,000%. This could have an impact on the due to the services we pay for to these agencies.

7. **Morristown Conservation Commission-** Appoint Jenifer Andrews to the Conservation Commission. For a 4 year term.

   Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Jenifer Andrews to Morristown Conservation Commission for a 4-year term. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Amend Motion for Truck Body-**
   Motion made by Judy Bickford to amend the approved amount for the purchase of the 2021 truck to be $117,724 to Charlebois for the truck and $66.576 to Fairfield for the body. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.)

2. **MDF Economic Relief Grant**- There was 21 business that met the guidelines for the Economic Relief Grant. The original amount was for $50000 which would be enough for 20 businesses. Tricia Follert is asking for another $2500 to support the additional business.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve another $2500 from the Morristown Development Fund. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Roll Call: Brian Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.

VII. BUDGET REVIEW

Reviewed 21/22 budget with EMS Fire & Police

VIII. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

IX. WARRANTS

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg to sign warrants for November 16, 2020, and authorize Bob to sign. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried.**

X. TA REPORT-

1. Working on getting Video conferencing for the meeting room.
2. Beeman lot sale has closed
3. Should be closing on the Demars lot in the next week or so.
4. Graham Mink will be going before the DRB so the Village Garage sale should close soon.

XI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- The Mud City Loop Bridge guardrails do look a bit short. What was the cut on Rt? 100 near Rock Art? Dan Lindley, the Town administrator said this was approved at the last meeting for Graham Mink. Who do we contact about the line striping on ByPass? Dan said he will get Judy some contact information.

Gary- None

Brian- None

Eric- Would like to see the Mass Casualty trailer better stocked. Dan said there used to be grant funds available to help with the cost of equipment and supplies but there hasn't been any money for a while.

Bob- Thank you for bearing with us during these call-in meetings.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Roll Call: Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y, Judy Bickford Y, Eric Dodge Y Bob Beeman Y. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 17th day of November 2020
Erica Allen, Scribe
Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.