



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 13, 2007

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Chair, Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Steve Bousquet. Dave Yacovone arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Department Heads: David Crawford, Town Administrator; Chief Richard Keith; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Howard Manosh, Lisa McCormick, Amy Noyes, Dave Pelletier, Andrew White, Chris Chauvin, Mark Cote; Roy Marble, Sondra Sanborn, David Sanborn, Barbara Damnon, Ronald Stancliff, Mike Hedges; David Polow, Chris Ransom, Pam Thurbur, Ernie Englehardt, Senator Susan Bartlett, Representatives Linda Martin and Shap Smith, Alexandra Garvin and Heidi Krantz.

General meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer

I. Agenda Additions / Changes

- Add replacement of Highway Garage Lift to New Business
- Add Jersey Heights Agreement to Executive Session

II. Bridge Street Bridge Discussion

- Discussed with VTRANS representatives Ernie Englehardt, Pam Thurbur and Mike Hedges the Structural Damage that was of concern. Damage mainly in the beams due to salt and water erosion resulting in rust holes. Bridges being 20 feet in length or more are inspected every 24 months. If there is a potential for future deterioration than bridges maybe be put on a yearly inspection schedule. Life span is hard to project existing condition and geometrics are just some of the ways that the State would determine the life span of a particular bridge.
- Discussed Meeting the TA had with Secretary Lunderville and Representative Shap Smith that afternoon. Secretary Lunderville was not able to attend the Board meeting but wanted to convey to the public that the Truck Route and the Bridge Street Bridge were two separate projects and would not affect the other. He also wanted to relay that the Truck Route is their first priority and the current schedule is a start of 2012 and a finish date of 2015.
- There are a few funding options that could be available to supplement the Towns own funds.
 - The Town Highway Structures Program- is for Class 1, 2 and 3 highways has an annual allotment of money that is available on a percentage basis.
 - The Highway Class 2 program- is mainly a repair and maintenance program, money set aside is generally \$550,000 and split between 10 Towns in the district with a maximum grant to a town of \$175,000 and is usually awarded in April.
 - The Town Highway Bridge program- \$20Million is put into a pot and 10 Town Bridges requiring major renovation and rehabilitation are done per year. This is a

highly competitive grant. We are currently ranked 287 out of 1500+ bridges. If we were on the list it would take approximately 20 years to get funding.

- **Contractors Recommendations-** Chris Chauvin, Andy White of Contractors Crane Service (CCS) and Mark Cote from Blow & Cote Inc. discussed several options from repairing to replacing the Bridge. CCS mentioned the possibility that Historic Preservation Funds could be used to supplement some of the restoration costs due to the historic value of the Bridge. There are several options that could be done to preserve the life span of the Bridge, such as weight restrictions and becoming proactive in the maintenance of the Bridge, IE: washing the salt and sand from the Bridge, which is one of the major contributors of the rust, but there are repairs that need to be addressed this year. Suggestions were made to start applying for grants from the State and to also address in our forth coming budgets.
- **Comments from Senator Bartlett and Representative Shap Smith-** Shap reiterated what Secretary Lunderville had stated regarding the Truck Route and the Bridge Street Bridge being two separate projects, and that the Board should authorize the TA to apply for the grants that are available to get on the list, Senator Bartlett mentioned getting our Regional Planning Commission to list the Bridge as a high priority as this is where VTRANS gets the recommendations from. Senator Bartlett also mentioned contacting Federal Congressional Delegations and asking for their assistants
- **Public Comments-** Some suggested getting trucks off the Bridge, if this were to occur than it would put stress on other roads that are already in need of repair. Others asked if we had any money set aside in our Capitol Budget; we have about \$40K set aside. Other comments involved the truck route and the timeline. As it stands now the truck route would begin in 2012 and reach completion in 2015. Again Senator Bartlett suggested getting Regional Planning Commission to list this as a higher priority to get the State to take notice.
- **Board discussion-** The Board discussed the options and what the next step should be. Agreed that we need to start the grant process

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to authorize the TA to apply and submit grant applications for the State Highway Aid Grant for repair and replacement of the Bridge and also for the State Highway Structures Program Grant .Motion approved (4/0)

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to authorize the TA to meet with CCS and Blow & Cote to devise a multi-year repair Contract with one of the Company Contractors. Motion approved (4/0)

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Police Traffic Control-** discussed the traffic control at the flashing light intersection. Comments and complaints were read from the Police Officers that performed traffic duty and also from the public. General consensus was that traffic flows better without the use of a Traffic Cop.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to end the trial period as of today November 13, 2007 and to reevaluate in 6 months. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. **Highway Truck Purchase-** One of the newer Highway Trucks was totaled and needs to be replaced. Discussed options of buying a new one or trying to find a used one. Bob discussed with the Board that finding a used one that would be worth anything would be nearly impossible. Currently the back-up truck is being outfitted to be used in the plow line up.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Shaun Bryer to purchase a new truck for \$125,000 plus the \$3,000 cost of painting the cab of the truck. Motion approved. (3/2) Brian and Steve voted no.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Budget-** books were handed out. Shaun thanked the staff for putting the books together and the Department Heads for turning in their budgets on time. Shaun also asked Board members to take the time to review the book and prepare questions for the next Board meeting.
2. **Highway Lift-** The lift at the highway garage is in need of repair, the rear lift is leaking and needs replacing.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to fix/replace leaking rear lif at an estimated cost of \$15,000. Motion approved. (5/0)

V. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- NONE

VI. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Discussed previously(Budget)

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Remove Bobcat snow blower purchase- table until next meeting.

- Approve minutes of previous meeting.
- Approve & sign warrants
- Approve Errors & Omissions

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executive Session at 8:45p.m to include Howard Manosh and Town Administrator. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to exit Executive Session at 9:00 pm. Motion approved (5/0).

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the Jersey Heights Takeover Agreement between the Town of Morristown and H.A. Manosh Corporation and Authorize Shaun Bryer to sign on behalf of the Board. Motion approved. (4/1) Shaun abstained.

- Will sign agreement at next meeting
- Howard will send Dick Sargent the Deed

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executive Session at 9:02 pm for PD Negotiation updates and Personnel to include the TA. Motion approved. (5/0)

*Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to exit Executive Session at 9:30pm.
Motion approved. (5/0)*

*Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to Terminate Highway Employee
Marty Sulham as a result of violations of Town Polices relating to Highway Truck Accident.
Motion approved. (5/0)*

ADJOURN

*On a Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando for the Board adjourned their meeting at
9:45PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).*

Respectfully submitted and filed this 15th day of November 2007.

Erica Reed; Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved

Date