

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 13, 2000

The meeting of the Selectboard convened at 6:00 PM in the Morristown Fire Station meeting room.

Members Present : Don A., Brian G. – Chair, Lee S., Jim P.

Members Absent: Steve L.

Dept. Heads: Richard K., Lynn M., Wally R., Bill M., Bud G., Francis F.

Guests: Sam Guy, Bill Henchey, Duane Sprague, Ed Lambert, Amy Noyes, Sonny Demars, Gloria Wing, Dick Sargent, Judith Wrend, Joanne Harrison, Anita Marcy, Larry Wells, Stephen Jennings, Mr. And Mrs. Gary Briggs, Min Cote

LISTERS:

Lynn M. came before the board to discuss the Cartographics mapping services proposal and contract. Lynn has experienced some problems with information on the maps, difficulty reaching the company and getting a response. She will monitor mapping changes, send a letter of concern to Cartographics with a request for a date clarification in the terms of the proposed contract and follow up with the Selectboard at the 11/20/00 budget meeting. Lynn to research possibility of mapping by LCPC.

HIGHWAY:

Village leave removal is complete. Signs prohibiting overnight parking will be posted by 11/15/00. Gravel work is finished and the screen has been moved to the shop. Winter tires have been put on vehicles. Brush cutting will be conducted until snowfall. Scrap metal is being hauled away from the shop. Painting of the garage will be finished in the spring.

POLICE:

The Department has received 161 calls. Officer Pecor will be on vacation for one week. Officer Morley will be out for 2-3 weeks for surgery. Of the 7 applicants for the COPS position, one candidate is certified. Richard K. recommended hiring Cindy Storey to fill the position beginning 11/26/00 at \$10.75 per hour. Brian G. inquired if there would be a salary issue with the Union? Richard K. indicated there would not be. Don A. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to hire Cindy Storey to fill the COPS Program position at \$10.75 per hour, for a three-year period starting 11/26/00 with the authorizing contract to be signed at the next regular Selectboard meeting. Passed. She will be on a one-year probationary period and will replace Ryan Bjerke so that he may work in the school as Resource Officer.

FIRE:

The Bergeron Company of NH won the turn out gear bid to be partially funded through the \$2200 Jeffords Grant. They will be coming on 11/14/00 to fit the crew. \$7,000 in gear will be purchased with the balance coming out of the budget. The bid on re-facing the station did not include painting. Todd Yandow will get back to the contractor for

present traffic issue would not be addressed for 1 ½ to 2 years when the bypass comes through. He stated the bypass would remove some traffic but that there would still be a large amount of local thru-traffic. Bill Henchey stated that Ed Lambert is making an assumption that there will be a great traffic increase. The whole corner needs to be thought out. The existing problem and the potential changes resulting from the proposed bylaws, does not warrant voting down the issue. Ken Sweetser stated that other commercial changes have not resulted in great increases. Brian G. asked if there were any other comments? Larry Wells stated that as a homeowner he is aware of the traffic problems and kids in the streets. He stated that it is dangerous and should be addressed. The bypass may take care of some of it, but something needs to be done now. Jim P. asked why variances couldn't be issued instead of changing the district? Ken Sweetser explained the statutory requirements for variance. Jim P. asked how the existing businesses could be there. Ken explained that they are grandfathered, going forward they could be prohibited. Gloria Wing summarized the situation for the Briggs who arrived late. Jim P. asked if the changes are approved could someone immediately apply? Ken Sweetser stated that at any time after the changes were warned someone could have applied and the Selectboard would have had jurisdiction. Ed Lambert stated that changes to the district were not required for the Downtown Designation. Gloria Wing stated that the changes had to be approved as a whole, and if not the process had to begin over resulting in missing the application deadline. She stated that she thought they could assume the Planning Commission would honor their commitment to revisit the issue. Stephen Jennings stated that the Planning Commission had discussed it at their last meeting and were agreeable to the idea. Brian G. asked if there was any further discussion? Mr. Briggs stated that years ago when changes were proposed to the district the neighbors were unanimously against it. Brian G. invited Mr. Briggs to attend the meeting to re-visit the areas of concern. Don A. clarified that all of the proposed changes would be up for discussion at the re-visit meeting. Sam Guy stated that the Planning Commission wants input on all of it, so that when it is done, it will be done right. Brian G. restated that the meeting would be held January 16th at 7:00 PM in the municipal conference room. Brian G. asked if there was any more discussion? Hearing none the motion passed with all in favor. Jim P. abstained.

Min Cote came before the Board to request use of the same roads and bridges as last year for the Lamoille County Sno Packers snowmobile club. Brian G. stated there were two issues of concern – grooming practices that left snow in the roads, and trail use that leaves snow at road crossings. The snow packs and freezes causing problems for the plow trucks. Several truck mirrors have been broken upon wing impact with frozen snow in the road. Min Cote stated that he is aware of the concerns and will remind his trail groomers about the problem. He stated they have new equipment that should help avoid the problem of snow in the road. Brian G. stated that if problems arise during the season Min would be notified. Min Cote stated he would also talk to the trail users in the club about road crossings. Brian G. clarified for Min that the area in which the new snowmobile bridge was constructed is absolutely on a town class 4 road. Jim P. moved and Don A. seconded a motion to allow the Sno Packers use of the same town roads and bridges as the previous year with the stipulation that no snow will collect in the roads at trail crossings as a result of use. Passed.