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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MINUTES NOVEMBER 12, 2002

Members Present: Brian Greenia Mark Struhsacker and Shaun Bryer
Members Absent: James Paige and Donald Anderson

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Wally Reeve and Mary Ann Wilson

Guests: Barb Farr, Jeff Limoge and Brad Wilson

BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board of Liquor Control authorized Melben's Restaurant of Morrisville, VT to transfer its first class liquor license off premise to cater a Christmas Party on December 14, 2002 for Vermont Electric Co-op at the American Legion Hall in Morrisville.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board of Liquor Control adjourned and resumed as the Board of Selectmen at 5:49 PM.

SELECTBOARD VACANCY

Having advertised for an interested party to fill the vacant Selectboard position, the Board received two letters of interest. Lee Sturtevant as a former Selectboard member expressed his willingness to complete the two-year term and Julia Compagna advised the Board in the event no suitable candidate applied; she would be willing to help out in the interim.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board unanimously appointed Lee Sturtevant to the Selectboard as Don Anderson's replacement.

A note will be sent to Julia Compagna thanking her for her interest.

GUESTS

BARB FARR - CREW:

Barb Farr requested in-kind assistance from the Highway Department in the form of stump clearing and site preparation for the new ice rink at the CREW location. Barb provided blueprints of the CREW area for the Board to review and gave each member a CREW brochure.

Barb informed the Board that nearly one half of the site needs to be cleared. She has been in contact with several area loggers.

Discussion included that the Highway Department did not have the proper equipment to actually remove stumps. Barb showed areas on plans for stump dumps on site and possibly the loader could move them there once they were removed from the ground. The Board's thoughts on in-kind assistance were more in the form of gravel and trucks to haul it to the CREW site. The date for the Duhamel Pit closing for the winter season was questioned. The Board stated the town crew could give a total of 2 to 3 days work when it didn't interfere with town work. They possibly could help in the spring with finish work, grading etc. The Board does not want the town crew to run chainsaws for actual clearing of the site. Barb stated she did not want volunteers to operate chainsaws either. Various company names were given to Barb for different pieces of equipment that might be needed for the project.

Barb Farr stated that Gary Nolan would be the General Contractor for the project and she was relying heavily on his experience. The Board advised that Barb work with the Town Administrator (TA) directly and the TA stated that Barb could have Gary talk with Dwight Denton. Other donations for the project include a well and leech fields by H. A. Manosh Corp.

Other discussion included ball fields and lighting for night games. Barb said it was not in the cards for CREW. Barb left at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the minutes of the October 28, 2002 meeting were approved as presented.

MPD APPOINTMENT:

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board re-appointed Derek R. Libby as a part-time Police Officer for the Town of Morristown for a two- year term ending December 31, 2004.

WRESTLING REVISITED:

Shaun Bryer informed the Board that he had received a call from Rosalie Desgroesliers from school regarding the wrestling issue previously brought before the Selectboard. Rosalie wanted to know where the Selectboard stood and notify the town that the matter was being considered and would be taken to the Schoolboard.

NEW BUSINESS

RANDOLPH ROAD REQUEST:

Robert E. Lawton of 3538 Randolph Road sent a letter requesting additional warning signs, speed reduction signs and the installation of guardrails on the corner by his property. (Former Lisa Darden property) He was concerned for the safety of horseback riders who use the access into the field where vehicles that fail to negotiate the corner go straight at that location. After considering the request, the Selectboard decided not to install a guardrail system at that location. No motions were made. However, there was a suggestion on installing a proper ↰ sign for the corner.

COURT STREET SIDEWALK PLOWING:

The Administrator received a call from Cathy Churchill of Court Street requesting that the Highway crew not plow the sidewalk on Court Street. She said that no one uses it when it is plowed, that they walk in the road anyways and more shoveling is required to get through all of the windrows from the Bobcat. No motions were made, but discussion showed the Board was in agreement to discontinue the plowing of the Court Street sidewalk.

The Board also discussed the stockpiling of snow by Brigham Street. Judith St. Aubin previously requested that the Highway crew not stockpile snow on her property. It was noted from previous discussion that James Paige was to work with the Highway Department on possible locations to pile snow. Various possible locations discussed included the Oxbow, Congress Street and the area beside the MW&L pump house on 15A.

The topic of ball fields was revisited again. It was noted that Claude Marcoux would be attending the next Fields and Parks meeting and probably would discuss the issue.

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSERVATION COMMISSION RESIGNATION:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a resignation letter from Kathleen O'Neill.

On a motion by Brian Greenia, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard accepted with regrets Kathleen O'Neill's resignation from the Morristown Conservation Commission.

TENNEY BRIDGE HEARING PROCESS:

Brian Greenia received the information on the hearing process for the Tenney Bridge intersection change. The information will be filed in the Administration Office for review.

MORRISTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION RESIGNATION:

The Selectboard acknowledged receipt of a resignation letter from Kevin Lane.

On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard accepted with regrets Kevin Lane's resignation from the Morristown Planning Commission.

The Administration Office will post the MPC Board opening in the local paper. The Board requested all correspondence to come through the Administration Office.

ANIMAL ABUSE:

Shaun Bryer received a complaint from Robert Kingsbury regarding alleged animal abuse on the Rickerson Farm on Route 100. The Board determined that this property was not in the Town of Morristown and it should be passed on to the Town of Stowe. Shaun will give a copy of an old complaint to the TA's office for their records.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board authorized the warrants as listed on the Memorandum dated 11/12/02. (Attached)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Administrator informed the Board the request for survey and design bids for the Portland Street walk to the Oxbow had to be advertised again as no bids were received from the first request.

The Highway Department's *Winter Operational Plan* was discussed. The Town Administrator will be meeting with the Department's Supervisor and Foremen as well as the MPD Chief on winter related issues. When completed, the winter plan with plowing schedule will be presented to the Selectboard.

The Selectboard discussed discontinuing the practice of hauling of water for the Morristown Corners Water district.

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The Selectboard agreed to invite our State Legislators to the second Selectboard meeting in January, which will be on the 20th to discuss current ongoing grants, grants that we have applied for and any other possible grants.

MFD members Jeff Limoge and Brad Wilson and Chief Wally Reeve arrived at this time.

MORRISTOWN FIRE DEPT TRUCK BIDS:

Chief Reeve gave a preview of the reasons for the changes in the truck from what was originally requested and turned the meeting over to Jeff and Brad.

Six companies responded with only two submitting bids. Reasons given for not bidding from the other four included: specs not compliant with and not enough time. The lowest bid came in at $243,316 from Emergency Equipment Supply out of Albany, NY. Sutphen East Corp's bid was at $259,618. Mary Ann Wilson arrived at this time.

Brad will be traveling to Michigan for inspection and testing of the truck and he along with another member will drive the truck to Albany where many department members will meet them for final inspection of the truck.

MFD also requested the Selectboard authorize the purchase of a PTO generator for the new truck, which would put the dollar figure over the approved $250,000 amount. The generator would allow for additional lighting at accidents etc. Several payment options were offered by the manufacturer, which included prepayments of various percentage amounts. The Selectboard was not in favor of any prepayment options in the odd case the company should go out of business. The MFD committee stated that this piece of equipment was not an option that could be added at a later time without major retrofit costs. Chair Greenia asked if their Rescue vehicle wasn't already equipped with a light system.

Service availability for the vehicle was discussed. The Committee stated that the Albany NY location guaranteed a 4-hour response time if so needed.

The Selectboard asked the Town Administrator to look into the payment schedule and PTO generator options before the next regular Board meeting on the 25th and then they will have an answer for the MFD truck committee.

Chief Reeve stated that the next piece of equipment should have the specs first before going to the voters for funding. The Administrator asked how many trucks over $250,000 are sold in the State of Vermont. The MFD members left at this time.

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BUDGET REVIEW

The Selectboard began reviewing the Budget Book with the Town Administrator, but decided to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Mary Ann Wilson left at this time.

MRS PURCHASE ORDER:

MRS had a P.O. for cabinets for the Board's approval. With the shipping and modifications the total amount exceeded the $1,500 limit set for the TA's authorization.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board authorized the Town Administrator to sign the P.O. for MRS's purchase of cabinets.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Board adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 18th day of November, 2002
Barbara Cochran, Scribe

Minutes to be presented at the next regular Selectboard meeting.

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Approved Date

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 11/12/02

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on November 12, 2002

General Fund:

Warrant #01-74– PR Related Invoices from pay PPE 11/2/02	$ 1,787.88
Warrant #01-75 - AP Unpaid Invoices due 11/13/02	$114,979.57
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 11/2/02 -Pd 11/6/02	$ 34,024.60
Warrant #ML-10 Manual checks 10/1/02 – 10/25/02	$31,167.26

Other Funds: