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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 10, 2014

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith and Steve Rae,

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator/Planning Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk & Treasurer; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief and Charlie McArthur, Lister Coordinator

Guests: Min Cote, Roland Boivin, Rob Moore, Jim Pease, Stephen Diglio and Tina Sweet.

Meeting was called to order at 6:10PM by Bob Beeman

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

- Add Sign Addendum to P&S to Old Business
- Add Sign Notice of Vacancy to Old Business

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of October 25, 2014. Motion Carried (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve minutes of October 27, 2014 with amendment to New Business # 8 Approve Pay Compensation effective July 1, 2015 not 2014 and to Selectboard Concerns Steve "asked about the Town Forest and Dan gave an update regarding the Town Forest and the Work that Roland and the Highway crew did to the Town Forest Road" and Steve Rae seconded the motion for terminating contract with Green Mountain Tech Center. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve minutes of November 3, 2014. Motion carried. (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Denny Digregorio- brought up an issue with CVS construction. He stated that the side of the road near the white line had been dug up and it was full of pot holes and should be filled in. Driving over it is like a rumble stripe. Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator said that he would speak to them.
2. Todd Thomas- mentioned that the "Welcome to Morristown" sign should be moved. He suggested the "Chen Property" or somewhere on Bridge Street. Selectboard agreed to move it to the Chen Property until the new sign is built and we figure out where on Bridge St. it can go. Todd will talk to the Highway crew and see when they are available to move it.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **APPROVE BIDS FOR TOWN REPORT-**Three RFP's were sent out only two were received. Lowest Bid was from Repro Graphics for $2715.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve bid from Repro Graphics for $2715 for the Town Report Printing. Motion carried. (4/0)

2**. BACKHOE ATTACHMENT SALE-** Min Cote, Village Foreman has been doing some cleaning out of the Village Garage. He found an attachment for the Bobcat 735 Series that is no longer used and feels we should sell it. He put it for sale on the front lawn of the garage and we have it on Craigslist for sale for $2000. Would like permission to sell it if we should get a reasonable offer.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve sale of Backhoe attachment. Motion carried (4/0)

3**. ERRORS & OMISSIONS-**Property was finally adjusted at the current use level and needs to be corrected in the Grand List.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Errors & Omissions as presented. Motion carried (4/0)

4**. LINE STRIPING CONGRESS STREET-** Todd Thomas has applied and received a grant for striping yellow lines and fog lines on Congress street, to help outline a bike lane. This will most likely be done after the road is paved. The only cost to the Town will be for Traffic Control. The Village Crew will be utilized for this.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve line striping of Congress Street. Motion Carried. (4/0)

V. ZONING HEARING

1. Discuss Zoning Changes as presented by Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator. Changes include the Business Enterprise Zone, Exterior Lighting and Storm Water Treatment. Steve Rae suggested to Split Section 503.5 into two sections so to separate the qualifiers from the penalties and to possibly raise the 10,000 sq foot requirement to 20,000 sq ft. If there are no significant changes by either the Selectboard or the Village Trustees, the Trustees will vote to approve on November 17, 2014 and the Selectboard will vote to approve on the 24th of November [a full set of the Zoning Bylaw changes can be found in the Town offices].

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1**. REVIEW FINAL SCOPE OF A STREET TO B STREET**- Steve Diglio brought the changes as asked by the public and the Selectboard a previous hearing on the A St. to B St. project. Some of the changes are to remove the concrete from the road bed, stabilize the retaining wall, take out the islands etc. One of the changes that the Selectboard considered at the last meeting was to take out the left turn lane. They now feel that it would be better to leave it as there is still a potential for traffic flow issues in that area even though the bypass has absorbed some of that. There is still local traffic to consider. The next step is to go to conceptual designs and then to present that to VTRANS. We are looking at 2016-2017 construction season.

2. **B STREET to BJAMS FINAL SCOPE REVIEW-** The Selectboard did a site walk earlier this year and discussed which side of the Jersey Heights the sidewalk to Bishop

Marshall should be on. General consensus was the west side with a cross walk to the east side somewhere near the tunnel to Bishop Marshall School. Todd Thomas had Ruggiano Engineering draw up design plans with the sidewalk on the west side of Jersey Heights. He asked the Selectboard if they would prefer the crosswalk before or after Rock Art. Selectboard agreed that it would be better to the south of Rock Art, this would eliminate any interference with the Stowe Road Mobil Station. He also suggested 8 ft sidewalks which allow future development of a multi use path if the Sto to Mo Bike Path should ever come to fruition. Selectboard agreed.

3. **ADENDUM FOR TEGU BUILDING PURCHASE-** Louie has asked that the Town purchase the Tegu Building on or before January 2, 2015. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator believe we can have a signed contract by December 8, 2014. Bob Beeman as Selectboard Chair needs to sign the Addendum.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve addendum and authorize Bob Beeman to sign. Motion Carried. (4/0)

4. **NOTICE OF VACANCY-** Min has resigned from the Selectboard and we need to post notice of vacancy per Vermont Statute.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to sign and post notice of Selectboard vacancy. Motion carried. (4/0)

VII. REVIEW HIGHWAY BUDGET-

Selectboard reviewed Highway Budget with Roland Boivin, Highway Foreman and Min Cote, Village Foreman. Other than salt there are no significant changes. Salt is up due to some cities and towns running out last year and the price has increased. The Highway Capital Budget has had some changes. The Sweeper was scheduled to be replaced next year but it is in good condition and just needs some minor maintenance so Dan would like to push this off until the 17/18 budget. We are scheduled to purchase a new truck. Roland would like to buy another Tandem and trade in the 2000, and the 2002 for one tandem. The Village Pick-up truck is due to be replaced. Min would like to move this to the Highway garage for a spare and purchase a new diesel. Min would like to Rent a Compact Track Loader(Terex) for 3 months for snow removal on sidewalks to try it out. He feels that the bobcat just isn't enough to do the sidewalks anymore. A new one would cost about $42,000 and if we rent it and like the machine, a portion of the rental fee we paid would go towards the purchase of a new one. Min suggest renting it through winter to see if it is what the village needs and wants to do the sidewalks. Selectboard agreed to rent the Terex for 3 months. The cost would be about $3900 and would come out of this year's general budget.

VIII. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

River Arts has had a few Gallery Permits with no issues.

IX. TA REPORT

1. Maple Street is paved. The Village Crew has been working on the final grading of the driveways and getting ready for winter and the sidewalks in the spring.
2. We have been looking for a planner to rent that will fit the bobcat so that we can work on the potholes and pavement cuts around town. Min has found one to purchase for $7300 and Dan would like to take this out of the reserve funds.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to use $7300 from reserves FY13/14 budget to purchase a planner. Motion carried.

3. Would like to thank Erica for doing the cooking for Maple Street Celebration and for Mike Day's Retirement Party.
4. Currently the Budget is up about 4.3% There are still changes that can be made. Please review and make recommendations.
5. Mary Ann will be sending out the RFP for the building loan.
6. The truck traffic flow has reduced considerably since the bypass has opened.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Steve Rae-

- Where are we at with the truck with the bad welds? Dan said that it is fixed but Clarks has not said what they will do regarding any future issues with the welds.

Brian Kellogg-

- Who changed the flower boxes on the Bridge St. Bridge? Bob said that MACC took out the flowers and replaced with Evergreens. Brian thought they looked nice and wanted to thank whoever did it.

Bob Beeman-

- Wanted to thank Min for his service on the Board and is glad to have him as the Village Foreman.
- Received some complaints regarding Maple Street lawns and the loss of flat surfaces from the construction. Min stated that they have been working on the grading and smoothing out the lawns. Everything that was there before construction will be put back.

Mickey Smith-

- Was approached about putting speed bumps on Maple Street. Convinced them that speed limit signs were all that were necessary. Min will replace the 25 mile an hour signs.

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Warrants as presented through November 3, 2014. Motion carried. (4/0)

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter executive session at 9:00PM for Personnel, to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator.
Motion carried (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Mickey Smith to exit executive session and enter regular Selectboard session at 9:15PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Brian Kellogg to adjourn the meeting at 9:25PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 11th day of November, 2014
Erica Allen, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.