



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF NOVEMBER 2, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan, and Judy Bickford.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Tina Sweet, Finance Director, & Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief; Todd Thomas, Planning Director and William Mapes, Chief of EMS.

Guests: Gloria Wing, Richard Sargent, Betty Courchaine Roy Ward, Maxine Adams, Sarah Kourkoulis, Lee LeBier and Don McDowell.

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

I. COPLEY TRUST

Gloria Wing has recused herself.

1. The Senior Center is requesting funds to purchase equipment for the kitchen. Meals on Wheels has moved to another location. The total cost of the equipment is approximately \$53,530.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the request for funds of \$52,530.00 for the purchase of kitchen equipment for the senior center. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (6/0) Gloria Wing did not vote.

There is a standard 90 day waiting period before final approval and release of funds.

2. **Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve minutes of June 1, 2020. Motion seconded by Gloria Wing. Motion carried. (7/0)**

Copley Trust meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM

II. AGENDA CHANGES

1. None

III. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of October 19, 2020

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of October 19, 2020. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion passed (5/0)

IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Don McDowell asked about the status of the ATV's on public roads. Board member, Gary Nolan said they have not made any decision and likely will not discuss again until early spring, at which time the public will be invited to discuss.
2. Lee Lebler mentioned the guardrails on the mud city loop bridge seem to be a bit short and could cause a dangerous situation. The Selectboard thanked him for bringing it to their attention

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss Appropriation for RCT-** RCT has taken over the routes that GMT previously provided service for. RCT is asking for the appropriated funds [\$5763] that GMT previously received as an appropriation from the Town to go to RCT due to the service change. The total funds for RCT appropriation would be \$10,963.01, GMT will not be asking for an appropriation this year. The Selectboard agreed with the request and no petition will be needed.

2. **Pavement Cut Request-** Graham Mink is asking for a Pavement cut for 456 Jersey Heights to connect to water & sewer. Graham will reimburse the Town for any costs associated with pavement replacement once the work has been completed.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve pavement cut for 456 Jersey Heights to connect to water & sewer. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. **Approve Loan Bid for Highway Truck Purchase** – Community National Bank has offered a 1.59% fixed rate and Union Bank has offered a 1.65% fixed rate for the financing of the Highway Truck purchase of \$135, 408.00. Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer (not present) recommended going with Community National Bank.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to finance \$135,408 for Highway Truck purchase with Community National Bank with a fixed interest rate of 1.59% for 5 years. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. **Part-time Hire Highway Department -**

Motion made by Eric Dodge to hire Dean Shedd as a part-time employee for the Morristown Highway Department at a rate of \$27.73 per hour with no benefits. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. **Private Road Name Request**– Request to name private road Ava's Way. This is a road that will be located off Randolph Rd. Apostrophes are not recognized in the 911 mapping system and will not be used. However, there should be no conflicts if the sign reflects the name with the apostrophe.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Private Road name Ava's Way. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0).

6. **Errors & Omissions-** State is requiring that the Lamoille County Planning Commission parcel be taxable.

Motion made by Gary Nolan to approve Errors and Omissions as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

7. **Appointment to the Lamoille County Planning Commissions Board of Directors and TAC Committee-** There is currently no one appointed as representative to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) from the Town. Selectboard will think about it and discuss it at another meeting. Currently, Judy Bickford and Bob Heanue are representatives on the Board of Directors.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Judy Bickford and Bob Heanue to the Lamoille County Regional Planning Commission board of directors as representatives for the Town to a 2-year term. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

None

VII. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VIII. WARRANTS

1. **Motion made by Brian Kellogg to sign warrants for November 2, 2020. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)**

IX. TA REPORT-

1. The Town Clerk office has been putting in a lot of work on this Election. Stop by the VFW tomorrow and thank them.
2. Budget books have been handed out. Will start budget meetings next Selectboard meeting.
3. Land real estate transactions are moving through the process.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- Would appreciate if when the Selectboard spoke to others/members of the public they don't use the term "guys" and used a more gender neutral term.

Gary- Wondered what is happening with the Morristown Cemetery. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said Sara Haskins, Town Clerk was working on this but the election has taken over her time. She will get back to it when the election is over.

Brian- None

Eric- Was asked if speed bumps could be utilities in the spring-summer months to deter speeders on Union Street.

Bob- Northgate Ave. has been paved and looks good. However, there is no delineation of where to enter exit the parking lot. It seems/looks as if it is all one continuous road and

motorists use it as such. It has been mentioned to Howard before about putting in curbing with no luck. Could possibly use jersey barriers in the spring, summer, and fall months.

XI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Eric Dodge enter Executive session to discuss appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee or under the provisions of Title 1 section 313(3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes to include Todd Thomas. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion was made by Judy Bickford to come out of the executive session at 8:15 PM. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

XII. **ADJOURN**

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 3rd 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.