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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF October 31, 2011

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Min Cote, Bob Beeman and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Tricia Follert, and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk /Treasurer

Guests: Chris Ransom, and Dawn Archbold

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/ CHANGES /ANNOUNCMENTS

- Add Real Estate & Personnel to Other Business - Executive Session
- Add Board of Liquor Control

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Chris Ransom had some concerns regarding the Oxbow and when this might be fixed as well as monitoring crosswalks. He would like a tally of the fines given for failing to yield to pedestrians.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Tax Stabilization Request from United Way-** Dawn Archbold from United way came to discuss their request for Tax Stabilization. United Way has purchased the Valchich Building formerly Taylord's Tavern and Malarkey's. They plan to used the upstairs for transition housing and the downstairs will be retail commercial. They are hoping to lease the downstairs to Hot Tamale's . One of the conditions of the housing will be to work in the restaurant. United Way is requesting tax stabilization on the value of the property which is $292,300 for a period of 5 years.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve Tax Stabilization for United Way on the Value of the property at $292, 300 for 5 years. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. **Downtown Designation Renewal-** Dan has supplied the Assessment report for the Selectboards review. Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator is seeking the Selectboard's permission to reapply for the Downtown Designation Status.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve application for renewal of Downtown Designation Status. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. Trails Group Vision Statement- Steve Rae has been working with the Trails Group which is a spinoff of the Morristown Community Study that was set up by Paul Costello. The Trails Vision Statement identifies three priority areas for improving and supporting both bicycle and pedestrian networks in the Town. One of the areas is the goal of having the Morristown section of the Lamoille Valley Rail Trail as being one of the first sections of the rail trail which should be completed and has recommended the Selectboard indicate to VAST and LVRTC the Town's desire to work together to get this completed. They also feel that connecting the rail trail with the existing Stowe recreation path would further benefit the Town. They have also recommend that the Town work on enhancing existing trails such as Clark Park, the Oxbow, Bridge Street to Miller Brook, School to Town connections and Brooklyn Street[once the bypass is complete].

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve the Trails Group Vision Statement as presented. Motion approved(5/0)

4. Discuss & Approve Cartographic Contract- Cartographic provides our mapping services, current contract is for $2500.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve Cartographic Contract for $2500. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Rescind Tax Stabilization for Brigham Street Property-
Since Eugene Dambach has pulled out of the purchase of the Brigham Street Property the Selectboard needs to rescind their motion to approve the Tax Stabilization that was previously requested by Eugene.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to rescind Motion for Tax Stabilization for Eugene Dambach on the Brigham Street Property. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. Errors & Omissions- These are in addition to the last group of Errors and Omissions that were approved at the last Selectboard Meeting. The total change to the grand list is (-$2700).

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve Errors and Omissions as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

V. BOARD OF LIQUOR ONTROL

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 6:35 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Green Mountain Arena has requested that the Cider House Pub and Brewery cater their next three games as they have not yet received their liquor license from the State of Vermont. The Games will be held at the arena on November, 5, 11, 12.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Catering Permit for the Cider House to cater the Green Mountain Arena Pro Hockey games for November 5, 11 & 12. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to Exit Session as Board of Liquor Control and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion approved. (5/0)

VI. TA REPORT

- Currently AOT has put the Bypass on hold as well as ALL other AOT projects until they get a handle on how much funds are available due to the extensive storm damage from Tropical storm Irene.
- Arthurs Development- so far there have been no dry cleaning solvents found, there was some petroleum but this was from another source. The biggest problem is the asbestos and PCB that was found in the building. Had a brainstorming session today to come up with ideas for the building.
- Will be meeting with John Mandeville on Monday to discuss the MDF fund and the bylaws. Over the life of the fund there has only been 3 defaults in the amount of about $50,000. The Board term limits are 15 years. We need to look at updating the bylaws.
- Pro Hockey Kickoff was on Saturday. It went well we had no issues in Town. There are 20 home games schedule and the PD will have 2 officers at each game. We have had comments that it is very dark and some street lights are needed.
- Paving is done and it went well.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kelloggs -none
Mickey Smith- some of the crosswalk signs are missing the reflectivness. Has had complaints of people "rolling" through the blinking light. Wondered if the PD still sat there. Richard said he would mention it to the officers.
Dave Yacovone- Lights are out on the Bridge Street Bridge. Dan said they are now fixed.
Min Cote- Did we receive a letter back from the Supervisory Union regarding relocating the Town Offices . Dan said yes we did and it was discussed at the last meeting. Min said he would look at packet from last time.
Bob Beeman- too much construction activity. Need to have the highway crew remove the stump on Harrel Street left from the tree they cut down.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 10-17-2011.
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda as Presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made to enter Executive Session at 7:04PM for Contractual, Real Estate and Personnel Issues to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator and Richard Keith, Chief of Police. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, Seconded by Mickey Smith to exit Executive Session at 7:30PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn meeting at 7:35PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 2nd day of November, 2011
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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