



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 21, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg (arrived @ 6:05PM), Chris Towne, Eric Dodge & Judy Bickford

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator(by Phone); Richard Keith, Chief of Police, Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Highway Foreman; Tina Sweet, Finance Director Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; and Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief.

Guests: Sunny Brink, Don Avery, Bob Budlinger, Tyler Mummley, James Beringer, Dennis Smith, Jack Wool, Laura Wool, Nick Crandall, Kevin Lane, Paul Trudell, Bill Westermann, George Merrill, and Stephen Donohoe.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. No Changes

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve minutes of October 7, 2019 with changes to Selectboard Concerns(typo) Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion Carried. (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. E=MC2- asked if the Town could look into something portable that would define the parking area for children and motorists. Dan Lindley Town Administrator said he would look into this.
2. Bob Budlinger mentioned that there are people sleeping and drinking at the Oxbow in the Bandshell. Selectboard advised him to call the police when he sees this occurring.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Duhamel Act 250 Pit-** Presentation by Tyler Mummley of Mummley Engineering for the Act 250 Permit. Discussed what phase 3 of gravel extraction would look like. Selectboard took public comment. Permit will be submitted for extraction of gravel as well as recreational use.
- 2. VPB Equipment-** Kelly Davin of the Nutty Vermonter would like to purchase equipment [Hobart peanut butter grinder, small labeler, 8oz plastic jars, jar/bottle filler, from the Vermont Peanut Butter inventory. Kelly has offered \$200.

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve sale of equipment as outlined for the amount of \$200. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Cemetery Updates-** Dennis Smith from the Morristown Cemetery Association Board gave an update on the 7 cemeteries. They are doing fall cleanup. They have been clearing out and cutting trees, and repairing stones. They were very happy with Apex and the job they did on the mowing, only complaint is that some of the cemeteries should be mowed every week rather than every other week. Dennis also mentioned that they are having issues with the process of selling lots and taking payments that the recording of the lots. There need to be a survey done as well as some kind of software system to track the burials. The Selectboard asked Dennis to work with Sara Haskins to come up with a solution and come back to them with a proposal.

2. DRB Appointments-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to appoint Melissa Leblanc to the DRB to fill the remainder of Karyn Allen's term. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to appoint Karyn Allen as an Alternate to the DRB. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. Errors & Omissions-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve corrections to the Grand List for FY 19/20. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. **Bids for Highway Trucks-** Sara Haskins sent out 4 bids and received 2 back for the purchase of the Dump Truck. Union bank had the lowest interest rate. Sara recommends financing with the Union bank.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept bid from Union Bank for the purchase of Dump Truck. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Sara also sent out 4 bids for the purchase of the Tandem Truck. She received 2 back. Community National had the lowest interest rate. Sara recommend financing with Community National Bank.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept bid from Community National Bank for the purchase of the Tandem truck. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion Carried. (5/0)

5. **LCPC Delinquent Taxes-** Lamoille County Planning Commission is asking for an abatement hearing regarding a parcel of land that they own. Sara Haskins Town Clerk/Treasurer is working on getting this scheduled. They also asked if the pending tax sale could be postponed until after the abatement hearing.

Motion made by Judy Bickford to postpone tax sale for LCPC property until after the abatement hearing. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

6. **APPROVE WARRANTS**

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Warrants through October 21, 2019. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

7. **TA REPORT**

- Paving resurfacing is in the final stages.
- Town paving is still on track to be completed by Oct. 31.

8. **SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

Chris Towne- None

Brian Kellogg- What is the status on the bathroom at the Oxbow? Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said that they should be ready to start build in the spring. He is waiting for an estimate from Donnie Blake.

Eric Dodge-Tree cutting on Washington Highway? Dan said that we did not own that land yet. Eric asked if we could get some of the brush cut within our right of

way to improve visibility. Dan said he would check with highway to see if they can do this.

Bob Beeman- Wondered if we could write a letter to the state regarding the depth of the manhole covers and maybe they can change their specs for the next project.

Judy Bickford- None

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss appointment or employment or evaluation of public officer or employee to the body will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage. Pursuant 1 V.S.A Section 313 (4) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley Town Administrator (by phone). Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

10. ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Towne to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted and filed this 22nd day of October, 2019
Erica Allen, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.