



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 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; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tina Sweet, Finance Director, & Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief

Guests: Garth Christensen, Corey Boisvert, Mike Desjardins, Jason Luneau.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. None

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of October 5, 2020

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

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Speed Limit Signs on Gravel Roads-** The Selectboard discussed speed limit signs on gravel roads. Currently, any unposted road is 50mph. The recommendation from Town Staff would be to sign all gravel roads at 35mph. Town staff will update the ordinance and bring back to the Selectboard for approval.

2. **Part-time Hire for Police Department-** Richard Keith, Chief of Police would like to hire Bruce Emmerson as a Part-time Officer and Administrative Assistant.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to hire Bruce Emerson as Part-time Officer & Administrative Assistant for the Morristown Police Department at a rate of \$24.00 per hour with no benefits. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. **EMS Roster Updates** – The Following members need to be removed due to retiring resigning or job abandonment: Dorothy Cook, George Cook, Liz Fox, Tracy Myers, Diane Stoney, Cynthia Knight, Zachary Isham, Grace Corapi, Adam Boise, Michelle Lafoe,

Michael Brigati, Robert Darling, Rebecca Wheeler, Nicholas Lebeau, Stephanie Roddy, Larkin Graves.

Motion made by Gary Nolan to remove members as presented from the EMS Roster. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. **HRA Renewal-** 2021 HRA Renewal with levels of \$9,400 for two-person, adult plus child and family plans, and \$4,200 for single plans.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve HRA Renewal with levels of \$9,400 for two-person, adult plus child and family plans, and \$4,200 for single plans. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. **Approve 20/21 Compensation Pay Plan**– new pay plan will go into effect July 1, 2021.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the 20/21 Compensation Pay Plan as presented. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0).

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **VMERS Group C** – Offering Group C retirement was voted on at a previous Selectboard meeting. The Town staff did not understand the VMERS statutes and are asking the Selectboard to rescind that motion.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to rescind offering VMERS Group C plan to all employees except full-time Highway Superintendent, full-time Town Administrator, and full-time Planning Director. Employees eligible for VMERS group D will not be eligible for VMERS Group C. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. WARRANTS

1. **Motion made by Gary Nolan to sign warrants for October 19, 2020. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)**

VIII. TA REPORT-

1. The paving company is here and working on getting roads paved.
2. Weds. Oct. 24 Act250 will have a conference call regarding Duhamel Pit permit
3. Jersey Barriers will be removed from downtown the last week of Oct.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- Thought the berm would be higher for the solar panels on Rt. 100. Will there be a final coat on Randolph Rd.? Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated that the board had decided to use the paving money elsewhere and not do Randolph Rd. this year.

Gary- Flags on poles are looking pretty ragged. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated that this is something that water & light takes care of.

Brian- Was just wondering about the Duhamel Pit permit application, which Dan Lindley, Town Administrator answered under his TA report.

Eric- none

Bob- New sign for the Village garage and possibly an open house? Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said he would work on this.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of Real Estate, Purchase, or Lease Options will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)**

Motion made by Eric Dodge to we enter executive session to discuss the Real Estate, Purchase or Lease Options under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of the executive session at 7:05 PM. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept the bid from Graham Mink for \$120,000 for the purchase of the Village Garage on Maple Street with the understanding that a DRB permit needs to be in place before closing. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19th day of October 2020
Erica Allen, Scribe

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