

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 16, 2000

PRESENT: Jim P., Lee S., Brian G. – Chair, Steve L., Don A.

ABSENT: None

DEPT. HEADS: Richard K., Bill M., Wally R., Lynn M., Bud G., Ken S.

GUESTS: Scott Corse, Dick Sargent, Sonny Demars, Gloria Wing, Michelle Swift, Duane Sprague, Jim Pease, Kelly Rogers, Ed Lambert, Judy Sturtevant

Meeting of the Selectboard convened at 6:00 PM.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

The sidewalks near the Graded School have been completed with the exception of pavement markings. The Department will begin picking up leaves at curbside 10/17/00. Culverts have been installed on Fontaine Hill and gravel has been laid on Cote Hill. The speed limit signs have arrived for Lower Elmore Mountain Road. The Board directed Bill to install the poles and speed limit signs. The Board thanked Bill for a good job on the municipal parking lot striping and the Graded School sidewalks.

POLICE:

Kids hanging out on the street continue to be a problem. 191 calls were received with no detox. The Department will attend domestic violence training at Stowe Mtn. Resort on 10/27/00. Richard requested authorization to advertise for a full time, certified officer for the COPS program. Lee S. moved and Jim P. seconded a motion to advertise for hire of an officer through the COPS program. Passed. The department is researching the possibility of setting up workstations and computers in one third of the conference room. The Board suggested contacting Central Surplus or the Union Bank about the possibility of used partitions/cubicles. Richard proposed using the current local law enforcement block grant funds (\$9,100) toward the purchase of a \$12,000-\$13,000 generator for the public safety building. The balance would come out of next year's budget.

FIRE:

The ladder truck passed inspection. Engine #2 has had "on-spot" chains installed for winter. Bids have been received for turnout gear to be purchased with Jeffords Grant money.

RESCUE:

Bud had a follow up conversation with Dan Ayers regarding Copley employees serving on Rescue. Employees will be encouraged to participate during off duty hours only. Two JSC students expressed interest in serving, but wanted to be able to respond from Johnson, which is not possible. Three individuals have approached rescue from Elmore who would like to join the Squad as a responder team specifically for Elmore. The Town of Elmore will equip them. The Rescue Board and the District 4 VT EMS endorse the idea. The Selectboard directed Julia C. to contact VLCT/PACIF regarding responder liability coverage. Jim P. moved and Lee S. seconded a motion to recognize the

\$25,768.92. Passed. Don A. moved and Steve L. seconded a motion to approve Recreation ML-6 in the amount of \$25.00 and #00-11 in the amount of \$228.39. Passed. Lee S. abstained.

PLANNING & ZONING:

Ken S. submitted a planning grant application for a downtown analysis. The grant is a non-matching grant through Housing & Community Affairs. Brian G. moved and Jim P. seconded the motion to approve the grant application in the amount of \$11,730 with a typo correction to "Morristown" on page 13. Passed. Steve L. opposed.

7:00 PM PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED SUBDIVISION/BYLAWS CHANGES

Brian G. reviewed the ten proposed changes. Gloria Wing commented on the proposed change to a neighborhood/commercial district along Bridge Street and up Brooklyn Street. She stated there have been past attempts to change this district. Several residents in the neighborhood opposed to the change have contacted her. Steve L. expressed concern with traffic at the intersection. Kelly Rogers stated that the Design Charette addressed the traffic issue and recognized the area as the new access to downtown once the bypass is in. She stated that no residents turned out for public hearings on the topic. Gloria Wing stated that with more businesses there would be more traffic resulting in problems of ingress and egress. Ken S. stated the Planning Commission felt the bypass would divert enough traffic that it would offset the impact. Steve L. suggested waiting until after the bypass to make the change. Ken S. stated that the Planning Commission is trying to plan ahead of time, and to connect the downtown and north end together. Kelly Rogers stated that if there is more traffic due to the truck route the existing intersection might need to be reconfigured. Duane Sprague stated that existing lot sizes would limit what commercial activity could grow. Steve L. stated he would not vote to approve the change. After reviewing all proposed changes Brian G. stated that the district change appeared to be the only issue. Julia C. explained that as a Planning Commission member during the drafting of the changes there were several reasons for the proposal. The change would encourage the connection of downtown to the growth area at the north end of town. The change would allow compatible uses in the area once the bypass is in. By changing to neighborhood/commercial as opposed to strictly commercial, the existing residential uses are protected. Don A. stated that there is no parking space available for commercial businesses. Ken S. stated that a commercial permit couldn't be issued without adequate parking. Parking regulations are not changing, therefore the size and amount of commercial business would be limited. Steve L. suggested taking out the proposed district change and revisiting it after the bypass is in. Jim P. agreed with Steve L. Ed Lambert stated that someone could buy two lots and put them together for a large commercial use with significant impact. Brian G. asked if there is already a business starting to renovate in an old apartment building. Ken S. stated a permit has been issued to put in a shed with a plan to change the use if the proposed changes are approved. Gloria Wing stated the Zoning Administrator had told her that there was a commercial use going in. Dick Sargent stated that it was a joint Selectboard/Trustees hearing and inquired how the vote should be handled. Ken S. stated that it was a joint meeting and joint vote on all proposed changes. Dick Sargent suggested voting one item at a time. Brian G. suggested getting a consensus on each single issue. All agreed. Julia C. and Ken