



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 14, 2014

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg; Steve Rae, and Mickey Smith.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator/Planning Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk & Treasurer; Carol Bradley, Finance Director

Guests: Shawn Goodlell, Judy Nepveu, Norm Nepveu, Dave Nepveu, Bob & Wendy Parrish, Andrea Beeman, Marisa Menendez, Michael Jansen, Graham Govoni, Miriam & Stephan Rosenbloom, Ellen Waldman, Dave Stevens Berta Pykosz, Ellen Waldman.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Bob Beeman

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

II. NEW BUSINESS

Personnel Issue- [*Possible Executive Session*]

Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Steve Rae to enter Executive Session for Personnel to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator, Graham Govoni & Richard Keith, Chief of Police. Motion carried (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to exit Executive Session and enter Regular Selectboard Session, Motion carried (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

IV. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve minutes of September 29, 2014. Motion carried (4/0)

V. NEW BUSINESS contin..

1. APPOINT NEW MEMBERS TO RESCUE SQUAD- Morristown Rescue Squad would like to appoint 4 new members. Elise Limoge, Sara Pastina, Stephanie Craig & Chris Bartlett.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to appoint new members, Elise Limoge, Sara Pastina, Stephanie Craig & Chris Bartlett to the Morristown Rescue Squad. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. PART-TIME HIRE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT- Richard Keith, Chief of Police, would like to hire Andy Plante part-time to cover on an as needed basis. He would like to start him at \$25.00 per hour.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Part-time hire of Andy Plante for the Police Department at \$25.00 per hour. Motion carried (4/0)

3. LETTER TO REPRESENTATIVES IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL FOR DERELICT BUILDINGS-

Todd Thomas has drafted a letter as requested supporting the house bill he wrote two years ago which would allow municipalities to enforce derelict buildings through the zoning bylaws. Letter is addressed to both elected officials and those seeking election.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve and sign letter regarding legislation regulating dilapidated buildings. Motion carried (3/0 Mickey Abstained).

4. APPROVE MEMBER APPLICATION FORM FOR DRB/PLANNING COUNCIL-

Todd has drafted a form that new applicants/volunteers would fill out if they wanted to sit on the DRB or Planning Council as a member. The Trustees have already approved the form. Selectboard reviewed and would like the wording of Question # 9 from "What would you change about the Town" to "What issues do you see facing the Town".

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Member Application Form with changes to question #9. Motion carried (4/0)

VI. BOARD OF HEALTH

Todd Thomas gave an update on the Health Order that was issued on September 23, 2014 and confirmed by the Board of Health on September 29, 2014. The Nepveus installed a snow fence as asked by the Board of Health at their meeting on September 29, 2014. The Fence blew over several times over the course of the last two weeks. Todd Thomas, Health Officer made several phone calls to the Nepveus asking them to fix the fence. Work on the building as required by the Health Order issued on September 29, 2014 did not commence until today October 14, 2014.

Dave Nepveu- Dave said that he secured loose pieces on the building's façade on Saturday and that on Sunday the Family decided to put the metal siding back on the building to comply with the Historical Preservation Standards. He intends to refurbish the corbels as well as some other work that needs to be done. He thinks this would take about 6 weeks to complete. He would like to block off the sidewalk with a plywood structures as the snow fence did not seem to work and he feels the plywood structure would be a safer option. He said that he needs to comply with the Historical Standards in order to get the Historical preservation grant. The grant provides tax credits to designated downtowns. The grant is for work to the facade of the building only.

Ellen Waldman- asked what grant Dave Nepveu was talking about. What is the recourse if the project is not complete in 6 weeks? If the Town has no Ordinance in place against these types of buildings what is to stop other property owners from letting their buildings deteriorate?

Todd Thomas answered that the grant is actually Tax credits granted by the Historic Preservation Society. Todd did submit a bill to the legislature to give the town some power over dilapidated commercial buildings, but the bill did not pass out of committee. The bill would have allowed municipalities to regulate buildings of this nature through the Zoning bylaws.

Dave Nepveu- stated that he would have the facade fixed in 6 weeks and that he needs to put the metal siding back on the building no matter how ugly it may be because this is what Historic preservation requires.

Berta Pykosz- asked about the foundation being fixed as it had started deteriorating 30 years ago. Is there someone that could attest to the condition of the foundation?

Dave Nepveu- stated that the work that he intends to do is only for the facade of the building as that is what the Historic preservation grant covers. And he hopes the foundation is in good condition as he would be attaching scaffolding to the building.

Selectboard- asked if Dave Nepveu had an engineer or other professional that could attest to the safety of the facade to keep other materials from falling. Dave Nepveu state that they have an engineer but did not know if they would sign off on just that portion of the building. Todd Thomas said that the Selectboard should have a professional look at the building once the work is completed as he is not qualified to give an accurate structural report on the building.

Steve Rae- agrees that closing off the side walk is a safer option than the snow fence and would agree to table the issue for 6 weeks, but would like an engineer or professional of some kind look at the building to deem if the facade is a safety concern once the 6 weeks is up.

Brian Kellogg asked if that is something that we would bill the Nepveus for? Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated that the Town should pay for their own third party determination as this would be the Town's opportunity to present evidence. The Nepveu's could hire their own professional opinion to provide their evidence.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Steve Rae to amend the standing Health Order with instructions to reconvene in approximately 6 weeks (the December 8th meeting) and to hire a construction engineer or similar professional to determine if the facade of the building is structurally sound. Motion carried. 4/0

The project is to be completed in 6 weeks when the Town will have a professional look at the facade and deem it safe or not. The Board of Health will resume on December 8, 2014 at 6:00PM.

VII. NEW BUSINESS Cont....

1. BARACADE FOR NEPVEU- would allow the full side walk but would like it taken down if they are not going to be working on it for a week or more.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve barricading off the sidewalk in front of the Nepveu building for 6 weeks for repairs to the building but to allow pedestrians to pass in the closed parking spaces via a coned off area. Motion carried. (4/0)

2. ORDINANCE FOR DILAPITAIED BUILDINGS- Todd found a model VLCT ordinance that would allow towns to enforce dilapidated building issues. The enforcement however would need to be taken to Superior court rather than the house bill that would allow the Town to enforce through Environmental Court. This ordinance is another option if the bill does not get passed. However it is a more expensive option. It would also be considered a Town Ordinance and would cover the Town as whole not just buildings in the downtown. If the Village Trustees were to adopt it as a Village Ordinance then it would only pertain to the downtown. This is just a model policy it would need some tweaking to make it fit our town and would need to be looked at by an attorney.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

None

IX. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to enter session as Board of Liquor Control. Motion carried. (4/0)

Pizza on Main would like to apply for a 2nd class liquor license to serve beer & wine. The Establishment will be located in the New Arthurs Building.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Liquor License for Pizza on Main. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Steve Rae exit as Board of Liquor Control and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion carried. (4/0)

X. TA REPORT

1. We received 7 Applications for Mike Days' Position. He will be retiring on October 31, 2014. We will be having a retirement celebration for him on November 8, 2014.
2. The warning for the Bond Vote is out. The informational meetings are scheduled for October 25, 2014 at 10Am and on October 27, 2014 at 6:00PM.
3. The bypass is tentatively scheduled to open October 30 or 31, 2014.
4. Maple Street Block Party will be October 29, 2014.

XI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Min Cote-

- Not Present.

Steve Rae-

- none

Brian Kellogg-

- Has anybody stopped for the scarecrow at the crosswalk in front of Caplans?

Bob Beeman-

- None.

Mickey Smith-

- none

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Warrants as presented through October 14, 2014. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to enter executive session at 7:30PM for Personnel, to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Mickey Smith to exit executive session and enter regular Selectboard session at 8:30PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM. Motion carried. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 15th day of October, 2014
Erica Allen, Scribe

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