



SELECTBOARD MINUTES

OCTOBER 14, 2003

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith; Mary Ann Wilson, TC; Dot Cook, MRS

Guests: Officer Michael Reeves, P. G. Kiely Sr., C. M. Ather, Gary Nolan, Howard Manosh, Chris Demars, Alan Spaulding, Pauline McArthur, Jeffrey Foss, Glenn Towne, B. Spaulding, Ann Tymon, Jim Mahoney, Polly Manosh, Fred Ober, Gilles Paquette, France Paquette, Ken and Priscilla Grimes, Trisa Gay, Scott & Cori Rockwood and Bob Davis

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility following a site walk at the Jersey Heights Development.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard unanimously approved the minutes of September 29, 2003.

MPD CRUISER CONTRACT:

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Selectboard authorized Brian Greenia to sign the Crown Victory Police Cruiser contract on behalf of the Selectboard.

NEW BUSINESS

RECREATION ALLOCATION INCREASE:

Morristown Recreation will be requesting an increase in their appropriation from the Town and has asked if a petition will be necessary. After considering their request, the Selectboard decided it would be best if the Recreation request was kept as a separate article, therefore requiring a petition of five percent of the legal voters of Morristown.

HARRIS & HARRIS CONTRACT – TOWN HALL:

The Town Administrator gave an update on the Town Hall/Library combined project. He explained that a contract with Harris & Harris needs to be drawn up to continue with the next phase of the project. Paul has discussed the project with Barb Adams of the Library.



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The Town Administrator referred to minutes of the Village Trustees on the recent reduction in rate changes for Town residents.

The Board Chair called for a two minute break before the start of the Jersey Heights Development Public Hearing.

7:00 PM - PUBLIC HEARING FOR JERSEY HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT

Chair Greenia explained the purpose of this public hearing. He stated that the Selectboard and Town Administrator made a site inspection of the property early this evening and asked Gary Nolan, Project Manager for H. A. Manosh Corp. to give a brief overview of the project.

Mr. Nolan explained that since the beginning of the Jersey Heights Development project, it has always been their intent for the streets to become public highways. He agreed that there had been work to be done to complete the project, which he has reviewed on several occasions with Town representatives. Mr. Nolan stated that he felt that the development has turned into a great asset for the Town.

Mr. Jim Mahoney, attorney for the H. A. Manosh Corp. discussed various issues with the Board which included right-of-way issues and paving costs and requirements for the Jersey Heights streets.

The "punch list" in the July 10, 2002 letter to Gary Nolan along with the October 8, 2003 memo from the Town Administrator was reviewed. Mr. Mahoney felt that items #4 and #11 still were matters that needed to be addressed. He stated that punch list item #4 would be corrected by MW&L and that #11 would be included on the Manosh "to do" list. Further discussion regarding paving revealed a difference of opinion in overlay from 1 ½" by Manosh to 2" as recommended by the Town Administrator. The Town requests that the streets be bomagged and a 2" base course put down, while Mr. Manosh feels that to bomag would be overkill and a 1 ½" overlay would be sufficient. Discussion included further expansion will create more traffic, including construction equipment moving in and out. Mr. Manosh said that garbage trucks were heavier than most other traffic and he didn't allow them on his driveway in the springtime. It was clarified that when the streets became Town streets, garbage trucks couldn't be barred from traveling on them.

Mr. Mahoney explained that the Manosh Corp. would be agreeable to bomag and put down 1 ½" of pavement if the cost was \$64,000, which is the amount they had planned on. If the numbers are agreeable, he felt that the two attorneys could work out the details.



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Chair Greenia stated that the Town could not be held accountable if all of the Town's needs are not met. He further stated that if all of the requirements were met, the Town would probably take the streets over, but it would be up to the Town's attorney to say if the agreement was valid or not. Mr. Mahoney said that Mr. Sargent was aware of everything except what Mr. Foss presented this evening. He reiterated that Manosh Corp. would prefer to bomag and put down 1 ½" of pavement and then that would leave the two issues on the punch list and the questions on Jersey Court that were discussed tonight. Mr. Mahoney said that Manosh had obtained a letter of credit from the Union bank in the amount of \$75,000 to insure its compliance with this obligation.

The Town Administrator expressed his concerns regarding the easements for sewer and water lines for the Village as well as easements for drainage issues for the Town. He said that these easements must be provided. Mr. Mahoney explained that there was a line that didn't get included in the original agreement when Manosh conveyed the original easement to the Village. He said it had to do with as-builts. He further stated that Mr. Sargent was not comfortable with this and stated that Manosh had to get them or the Town would obtain them and charge them.

It was the general consensus that the Jersey Heights residents were in favor of the Town accepting the streets when Chair Greenia asked for their opinion. Scott Rockwood asked if the matters were not settled, who would plow the streets. Mr. Manosh said that he would make arrangements for the streets to be maintained.

Chair Greenia stated the Selectboard would continue with the process of adopting the Jersey Heights Development streets until they had a chance to hear from their attorney and asked for such a motion.

On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard voted to continue with the process of accepting the streets of the Jersey Heights Development.

All parties of the Jersey Heights Development left at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

PURCHASE OF DEFIBS AND RADIOS:

Dorothy Cook, President of MRS explained the AED grant money awarded from the Vermont Department of Health to purchase Defibs for use in Police Cruisers, MFD and private vehicles. The original number to be purchased was four, two for MRS and two for MPD, but she explained that a lower price was obtained from a different vendor allowing



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A letter will be sent to Department Heads on how the Board wishes money to be handled. Dot Cook and Chief Keith left at this time.

HIGHWAY POSITION:

Town Foreman, Dwight Denton informed the Board that Marty Sulham was working out good. He can plow for the Village and fill in at the Town Garage for maintenance as needed. Village Foreman, Mike Day stated that the routes in the Village would be rearranged, and Marty would be taking over the loader work and close-by side streets, previously done by Dean Shedd, who will be taking over Mike's route. Mike will be doing the route previously done by Bruce. This will also give Mike the necessary time to oversee the Village maintenance.

Discussion included why trucks used for Town routes were not used in the Village. The two Foremen explained that the Town trucks were too big for Village streets and the plows would catch manhole covers etc. James Paige asked if by adding Marty to the crew, will it reduce the amount of OT worked? It was determined that Mother Nature determined the amount of overtime worked. The two crews could get along without the extra man, but not when someone gets sick or injured and during heavy snowfalls, it is necessary for everyone to get adequate rest before the next snow falls.

The TA stated that after talking with George Cormier, the School is proposing that the Town handle their plowing next season. The Fields & Parks position could handle the summer work and plow for the Town during the winter months. The TA remarked that he has received one letter of interest for the Fields & Parks Supervisor position.

Administration costs to handle the Highway Department were also discussed. Currently, the TA and the Administrative Assistant are handling all of the administration work for the Highway Department.

As for the extra Highway position, other Highway personnel agree that Marty is a good employee to fill this slot. Marty is currently employed as a full-time temporary employee with no benefits.

On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by James Paige, the Board voted to hire Martin Sulham as a full-time Highway Department truck driver/laborer at \$11.00 per hour with full benefits.

Further discussion included that the time worked as a temporary employee would serve as his probationary period. Marty is now considered a full-time employee.

Memorandum

To: Selectboard

From: Carol L. Bradley, Bookkeeper

Date: 10/14/03

Re: Warrants presented for Board Meeting on October 14, 2003

General Fund:

Warrant #03016- PR Related Invoices from pay PPE 10/8/03	\$ 5,863.91
Warrant #03017- AP Unpaid Invoices due 10/14/03	\$ 203,706.21
Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 10/4/03 - Pd 10/8/03	\$ 35,245.57

Other Funds:

Recreation

Warrant #03-07 - AP Unpaid Invoices due 10/15/03	\$ 1,584.85
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