



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 7, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Chris Towne & Judy Bickford

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police, Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Highway Foreman; and Paula Beattie, Assistant Finance Director.

Guests: Sunny Brink, Alan VanAnda, Doug Wallace, Luke Heller

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Appoint Part-time Permanent for EMS Department
2. Delete Zoning Waiver from Old Business

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of September 16, 2019. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion Carried. (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Alan VanAnda expressed concern over the policy that Water & Light passed at their meeting on September 8. This policy would impose a significant rate increase on his business as well as a couple other businesses in town. This increase is due to a suspected [by Water & Light] increase in BOD. Alan stated that he has started a petition in hopes of overturning this vote. He is ok with a rate change but feels it needs to be more fair and equitable. The Selectboard is in support of Alan and his business (Lost Nation Brewing) as well as the other businesses that are greatly affected by the rate increase.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Noyes House Museum-** Noyes House Board is looking for a lease agreement with the Town to safe guard the Historical building and artifacts. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator will work with the Noyes House Board to draft up a lease agreement.
2. **Social Media Policy-** Selectboard has reviewed the policy. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator is listed as the designated official to review posts on social media and take necessary action when appropriate.

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Social Media Policy as presented. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. **Belanger Lane-** The homeowners association is in the process of making the upgrades to the road as requested by Highway Foreman, Kevin Barrows. The Selectboard will need to complete another on site hearing before they can approve it as a Town Road.
4. **Lien for 142 Bridge Street[William Bourne]-**

Motion made by Chris Towne to remove the Lien for William Bourne Property located at 142 Bridge Street. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (4/0)

5. **VPB Equipment Sale-**

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve purchase of Vermont Peanut Butter Equipment by Sherman Enterprises for \$125.00 Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg Motion carried. (4/0)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Planning Council-** Todd Thomas, Planning Director is requesting that the Planning Council be moved from a 7 member board to a 5 member board. This will make it easier to generate a quorum for meetings.
2. **HRA Renewal-** Dan Lindley, Town Administrator is requesting that we renew the 2020 HRA at \$9150 for two-person, adult plus children & family plans and \$4075 for single plans.

Motion made by Chris Towne to authorize renewal for these 2020 HRA with levels of \$9150 for two person, adult plus child[ren], and family plans, and \$4075 for single plans. Motion carried. (4/0)

3. EMS Resignation-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept resignation from William Smith. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (4/0)

4. EMS Hire- Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS would like to hire Peter Fitz as a part-time Permanent EMS employee.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Peter Fitz as a Permanent Part-time Hire at \$15.50/hour for no more than 23 hours a week without benefits. Effective immediately. Motion seconded by Chris Town. Motion carried. (4/0)

VII. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Warrants through October 7, 2019. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (4/0)

VIII. TA REPORT

- It is budget time. We are currently meeting with department heads.
- Oct. 21 Selectboard meeting will be to discuss the Duhamel Pit Act 250 Permit/process.
- Rocktoberfest is went very well, thank you to all the town staff that worked on this especially Tricia.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne- None

Brian Kellogg- When will the sidewalk flashing lights be installed near the Senior Center? Dan asked the State to hold off on this as we were not sure where we wanted them.

Eric Dodge-Not Present

Bob Beeman-Paving looks really goods. Thank you to EMS for the support & service for Sharon Duffy.

Judy Bickford- Rocktoberfest was a great event. Bikes on Randolph Road are very dangerous, there are no shoulders. The Art work in the Tegu building looks great. Thank you to EMS for the Tribute to Sharon Duffy.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Sonny Brink asked if we could get speed bumps or something to slow traffic down near the E=MC2 community center. Kids are outside playing and often aren't paying attention before darting into the roadway. Speed bumps are not good for the pavement or the Town equipment, Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said he will look

into getting some signage like our crosswalk signs. It was also suggested that E=MC2 could get some fencing.

Sunny also asked about getting signage for the center. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator suggested that he talk with Todd about the sign regulations.

XI. ADJOURN

**Motion made by Chris Towne to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford.
Motion carried. (4/0) Meeting adjourned at 6:50PM PM**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 8th 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.