



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF OCTOBER 5, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan, and Judy Bickford.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Todd Thomas, Planning Director(by phone); Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tina Sweet, Finance Director & Tricia Follert; Community Coordinator.

Guests: Garth Christensen, Shannon Friedrich, Lisa Desjardins, Daelyn Desjardins, Brent & Nikkita LaBree, Ellen Friedrich, Stephen Benson, Brent Teillon, Ron Stancliff, Joe Hawthorne, Chad Letourneau, Chris Jones, Charles Safford, Elaine Jacovini.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add Errors & Omissions to New Business
2. Add Allison Tewhill to Community Concerns.

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. **Approve minutes of September 21, 2020**

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the minutes of September 21, 2020, with changes[Change Kevin to Highway Superintendent, & Gary Nolan was volunteered for the ATV meeting discussions]. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Allison Tewhill & Don McDowell are concerned with the ATV's being allowed to have access to Town Roads more specifically Mud City Loop. They are concerned with the extra traffic it might create and disruption to the farm animals. Bob Beeman, Chair stated that since the season is just about over no additional road access would be added at this time. Currently, Silver Ridge Road is the only Town road that ATV's have access to and primarily for gas or snacks and to access the trailhead at the Sunset Motel. The Selectboard is currently working on a policy that would allow enforcement of current roads and future roads should they decide to open up more. Allison & Don asked if they could be notified when it comes back to the Selectboard for discussion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Town Manager Form of Government-** Charles Safford, Town Manager of Stowe discussed Town Manager type of government versus Town Administrator. A Town Manager has more control over the day-to-day operations of the town leaving the Selectboard to deal with bigger issues such as planning, zoning, and development. The Selectboard expressed their concerns over losing that control. Charles also suggested that when they get ready to place the ad they may get a larger pool of applicants for a town manager position over a town administrator position. The Selectboard thanked Charles for coming in.

2. **Morristown Conservation Commission-** The Conservation Commission would like to donate \$500 to the Stowe Land Trust for the Valcour Conservation Project.

Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve donating \$500 to help secure the Valcour Conservation Project. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. **Halloween Street Closure-** Recommendation is to not close down the streets for Halloween this year. It is up to the individual if they want to trick or treat or not.
4. **Discuss Jersey Heights Storm Water Permit** – New regulations from the State would require any landowner with 3 acres or more of impervious surface to document any stormwater management measures already in place and install additional practices as needed to comply with terms and conditions of the permit. The Town will need to apply for permit coverage.
5. **Software Program for Cemeteries-** Sara Haskins, Town Clerk has been researching software programs that would help organize and track records for all 8 cemeteries. She is recommending the Cemsites software program at a cost of \$25,750. The cost will initially come out of the preservation fund.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the purchase of the Cemsites Software program for \$25,750. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

6. **Stafford Ave Sewer Transfer**– The Village Water & Light will be taking over the Stafford Ave. sewer line. This will need to be posted in the paper for 30days and will then be signed by The Town Agent to Convey Real Estate.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the transfer of the Stafford Ave. Sewer Line to the Village of Morrisville. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0).

7. **Feline Ave. /A Street** – Jill Mudgett the director of the historical society would like to return the road to the historic former name. A Street used to be named Feline Ave. The Historical Society is requesting to name it Feline Loop. This street loops around behind the museum and comes out on Route 100.

Motion made by Gary Nolan to rename A Street to Feline Loop. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

8. **Junk Ordinance-** Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator has been working on updates to the Junk Ordinance.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve updates to the Junk Ordinance as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

9. **Economic Relief Grant-** Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator has been working with The MDF [Morristown Development Fund] on a grant program to help local businesses that have suffered due to Covid-19. They would like to take \$50,000 of the available funds and give out 20 \$2500 grants. There is an application available and business must meet certain guidelines.

Motion made by Gary Nolan to approve the Economic Relief Grant program. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion Carried. (5/0)

10. **Errors & Omissions-** Adjustment on acreage for Open Land Corporation.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the Errors & Omissions statement for Open Land Corporation. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discuss Downtown Designation-** Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator is working through the Application for Downtown Designation and the Planning Council is working on updating the Town plan which is part of the application process.

VI. BOARD OF HEALTH

Approve Family Burial Site for 100 Meadowood Rd.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve Private Burial Site for 100 Meadowood Rd. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VIII. WARRANTS

1. **Motion made by Eric Dodge to sign warrants for October 5, 2020. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)**

IX. TA REPORT-

1. We are entering the budget season and will start having budget meetings in November.
2. Bathrooms at the Oxbow are moving along.
3. Paving should start by end of October

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- Thanks for the Speed Cart on Randolph Rd.

Gary- Land none

Brian- None

Eric- Thanks to the highway department for help with getting the Village garage moved to their new location.

Bob- None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Sara Haskins, Town Clerk- Ballots were mailed by the Secretary of State's Office and the Clerks office has started getting them back in the mail from voters.

2. Sara is now a Vermont Certified Treasure.

3. 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. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of the executive session at 8:05 PM. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge sign a Purchase & Sale Agreement with O'Neal Demars Jr. for property located at 11 Old Creamery Rd. for a sales price of \$150,000 and authorize Bob Beeman, Chair to sign on behalf of the Town. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

XII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 6th 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.