



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2022
AMENDED BY JUDI ALBERI OCTOBER 4, 2022**

MEMBERS: Judy Bickford, Jessica Graham, Brian Kellogg and Don McDowell
Absent: Bob Beeman

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, *Town Administrator*; Judi Alberi, *Administrator's Assistant*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Jason Luneau, *Police Chief*; Bill Mapes *EMS Chief*; Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*; Todd Thomas, *Planning/Zoning Director*

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Jason Kelley, Tom Cloutier, Tim Magee, Scott Thompson, Ron Stancliff, Barry Russo, Martin Green, Gary Briggs, Heather Payne, Stephen Benson, Laura Green, Kristin Marriott, Luke Aupperlee, Sheila Tarbox, Tony Cote, Alex Stevens, David Ring, Brent Teillon, Monte Mason.

**participating via Zoom*

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Update Errors and Omissions Certificate
Minutes omitted in packet, handed to the board to review

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of September 6, 2022. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried (4/0) with amendments.

Judy Bickford would like to add the hourly rate for Dale Percy, New Business, Item 15:
\$450/hr for Mobilization/Demobilization
\$150/hr D6 Dozer w/operator
5 days (40-50 hrs)

LIQUOR CONTROL

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept resignation of Jenifer Andrews, Morristown Conservation Committee

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the resignation of Jenifer Andrews from the Morristown

Conservation Committee with thanks. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried (4/0)

2. Accept & Sign Errors and Omissions certificate

Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the errors and omissions certificate as presented. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0)

3. Approve leasing 2022 Dodge Durango for MPD

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the lease of a 2022 Dodge Durango with Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex for four years for a total lease price of \$53,540.08. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0)

4. Discuss the request to rename bridge on Bridge Street to "The Francis Favreau Bridge"

Frances Favreau has given to the Town of Morristown for over 40 years volunteering and held many positions working at Copley hospital most notably the lab. Monies donated will pay for the plaque. This is a local naming process of the bridge not an official state name.

Motion made by Don McDowell to name the easterly bridge directly next door to the 802 Liquor Store on Bridge Street "The Francis Favreau Bridge" with a plaque installation thereon. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0)

5. Approve new private road – Tolusa Lane 377 Jersey Heights

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the new private road, Tolusa Lane. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0)

6. Approve new private road – Rose Alley

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the new private road, Rose Alley. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0)

7. Parking Report

The Parking Committee met 5 times over the course of the summer 2022 and produced a report to be reviewed by the Selectboard. There are many options to help resolve some of the limited parking in downtown Morrisville, and an opportunity to help with longer term parking creation and management suggestions if put into practice. The Selectboard will bring this back to Old Business at the next Selectboard meeting on October 3, 2022. The report has been uploaded to the Town website for the community to review.

8. Discuss altering West High Street

The terminus of the town right-of-way on West High Street runs into the front porch and possibly the living room of the home owned by the Farrell Family at 64 West High Street. The Selectboard will do a site visit on November 21st at 5:30 and then do a public hearing at 6pm to discuss truncating West High Street. The property has been surveyed already and the town will need to have the survey updated for the shortened road.

9. Discuss Halloween Street-Shut-Down for 2022

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve closing off the following streets in the Village for trick-or-treating on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM: Maple St, Cherry Ave, Harrison Ave, Union St (easterly), Summer St, Court St. Don McDowell seconded the motion. Motion carried (4/0)

OLD BUSINESS

None

APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Remodeling upstairs is progressing well. We are waiting on windows to be installed. Tricia Follert has been flexible with her schedule and is sharing her space with Paula Beattie. Human Resources Director until the windows are installed. Finance Department, Tina Sweet and Stacey Ferriman, will be moving upstairs as soon as the windows are in as well.
2. Highway Department is working on complying with Act 64 Clean Water Act.
3. Stagecoach Rd and Randolph Rd paving is done. Garfield Rd has started and will be completed soon. Patch paving is currently being done as well.
4. Sidewalk repair at the municipal parking lot was completed. There is a pre-construction meeting Sept 26th at the municipal parking lot. The municipal parking will be closed in the back corner during the construction.
5. Corey Boisvert just celebrated 20 years with NREMS provider
6. Deer fence in the Town Forest area of about 20 ft x 20 ft so they can do a 10 year look at how the vegetation grows.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Don McDowell updated the board that he met with Scott Johnstone, Morrisville Village Manager. Don also toured the Duhamel pit with Kevin Barrows and Eric Dodge.

Jessica Graham would still like to continuing exploring the option of Zoom for the Planning commission.

Brian Kellogg no comments

Judy Bickford took the opportunity to let the community know that there is a lot of comments on social media referring to local government. Judy encouraged the community to call the town offices and speak directly with Eric if they have questions.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Members of the community came in front of the board to mention the condition of Cote Hill Road and expressed disappointment in the condition of the road. Again, the planning council meetings that are

held at Copley Country Club came under fire for not being conducted at the Town Offices. Judy Bickford and Eric Dodge have been in contact with our town lawyer and VLCT regarding jurisdiction of dictating other boards on when and how they run their meetings. The Selectboard cannot tell other boards how to run their meetings. Community has been told that they need to bring their concerns directly to the other boards. Democracy is a participatory sport and community members need to participate in town government to be part of the changes in our town. The town website is the place to find all information needed in order to be in the know.

Mac Miller Road is having the center of the circle defined so that the town trucks have a turn around and a place to put snow. There has been research done as to where the pin is located so that the town can determine the end of the road. Eric Dodge will follow up with a surveyor.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Don McDowell to find that premature general public knowledge of a contractual agreement will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion to move that we enter executive session to discuss the town's contractual agreement under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1)(a) of the Vermont Statutes to include Eric Dodge, Town Administrator.

Motion made by Don McDowell 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 to move that we enter executive session to discuss the Real Estate, Purchase or Lease Options under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (2) of the Vermont Statutes to include Eric Dodge, Town Administrator.

Motion made by Don McDowell to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. 4(/0)

Meeting adjourned at 8:50PM.
Submitted and filed this September 23, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.