MORRISTOWN

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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF September 19, 2011

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Min Cote, Bob Beeman.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Dana Wilde, Walley Reeve, Eric Lande, Tina Sweet and Chris Ransom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

## I. JOINT HEARING WITH VILLAGE TRSUTEES

There was not a quorum of Village Trustees for them to hold their hearing with the Selectboard. They will hold their hearing at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Selectboard decided to move forward with their hearing since it had been warned.

Todd Thomas presented proposed changes to bylaws as follows:

1. Revisions to section 346.4 Waiver of Developable Density Restriction- to remove the waiver for fee allowance as said provision is not supported by statute.
2. Revise section 1120 Sewer Service- to add additional land to the defined Sewer Service Market Area(SSMA) boundary description. Proposed land being added to the SSMA includes the "Sugar Woods Parcel" owned by Sugar Woods LLC and the Demars Road subdivision(various owners).

The Selectboard can take action at their next regularly scheduled Selectboard Hearing.

Todd also discussed some upcoming zoning changes that the Planning Commission will be working on such as looking at the language for functional windows, metal siding and allowance for exiting residential in the LVGD, airport district and the BED.

## II. AGENDA ADDITIONS/ CHANGES /ANNOUNCMENTS

- None

## III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Chris Ransom Concerns
    - Would like to see a speed sign at the Oxbow Park. He feels that someone is going to get hit by cars that are sliding into the park and blowing donuts.
    - Wondered if we could check into road sealing as paving is getting expensive.
    - Would like to get Town meeting televised. Mickey said that he will check with TIm Torrey at GMATV to see if this is possible.

## IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Tax Stabilization-** Eugene Dambach is looking to stabilize the taxes on the building he just purchased located at 51 Brigham Street. He plans to remodel the building to allow for 7-10 offices. There are three options when it comes to tax stabilization, 1) Stabilize the value of the property, 2) stabilize the amount of taxes the property owner would pay, and 3) stabilize the tax rate. The Tax Stabilization program is only for the municipal portion of the property owners taxes. Eugene would like to go with the 1st option which is to stabilize the value of the property.

   **Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to stabilize the Municipal portion of the taxes for Eugene Dambach for his property locate at 51 Brigham Street. Motion approved. (4/0)**

2. **Lighting Retrofit at the Highway Garage**

   Roland got a price to retro fit the highway garage with new more efficient lighting. The cost for the new lighting is approximately $12,900. Efficiency Vermont has a grant that will reimburse the Town $7060 leaving the Town with only a cost of $5840.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve the lighting retrofit and apply for the Efficiency Vermont Grant. Motion approved. ( 4/0)**

3. **Bike Lanes for the Village and the North End-** Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator would like permission to work with LCPC on mapping to figure out if there are any roads that are wide enough to allow for bike lanes. The Selectboard agreed to have Todd work with LCPC on this study.

4. **Oxbow Repairs-** The flooding in April left the Oxbow in a pretty poor state. At a previous meeting the Selectboard agreed to put the Oxbow back to the way it was before the flood due to the fact that we will receive FEMA funds for the damage. We had not had time to fix the Oxbow from the first flood when we got hit again in August. The Oxbow sustained more damage at the time. Dan suggested to just put topsoil back on it and reseed the Oxbow and not put the walking path back. Mickey suggested mowing a walking path. Selectboard agreed to just put topsoil and reseed.
5. **Fireworks Permit-**Bishop Marshall School is requesting a fireworks permit for their annual Homecoming Celebration on October 7, 2011. The permit is late due to the fireworks company not sending to us on time, however it will be advertised in this week's News & Citizen. Bishop Marshall will also be sending out postcards to neighboring property owners and contacting Art Meade

   **Motion made by School Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve fireworks permit for Bishop Marshall for October 7, 2011. Motion approved.(4/0)**

## V. BOARD OF HEALTH

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter session as Board of Health. Motion approved. (4/0)**

Eric Lande is applying for a private burial site on his property located on Ross Hill Rd. for himself and his late wife. There will be 2 plots 20x20 each. They are not located near the road or near any well systems.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve private burial site for Eric Lande on his property located at 396 Ross Hill Rd. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to adjourn as Board of Health and enter Regular Selectboard Meeting. Motion approved (4/0)**

## VI. TA REPORT

- Town Forest- Will be taking a walk from Beaver Meadow side. Ray Toolan is finishing up his work on the plantations. He recommends logging after the ground is frozen.
- Rail Trail Hearing for party status is being held on September 20, 2011, Dan will be attending
- Tina & Carol have provided the Selectboard with a draft audit. The auditors will be here on October 3, 2011.
- CDL Maple Company is moving into the MSI building. They make sugaring equipment.
- The Sign upgrade mandate has been changed. We now only need to replace signs with the new sign specifications as needed instead of replacing all the signs.
- Kick-off on the Rt. 100 sidewalk earmark

## VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

**Brian Kellogg-** None
**Mickey Smith-** Do Bicycles have to adhere to same rules as traffic. Richard said that they have to go with the flow of traffic and adhere to the same rules such as stop signs etc.
**Dave Yacovone-** Not present
**Min Cote-** Paving touchups for Jersey Heights, Rt. 12 & Paine Ave.? Dan is working with Mike to schedule this.
**Bob Beeman**- None

## VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 09-6-2011.
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve consent agenda as amended. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to Enter Executive Session for Personnel Issus and Contractual Issues. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to allow Dana Douglass to convert 96 hours of his ETO 2 for 1 and be paid for those hours Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn meeting at 7:45PM. Motion approved.**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19th day of September
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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