SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

Members Present: Bob Beeman (Chair), Min Cote, Brian Kellogg and Mickey Smith

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Police Chief; and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk, Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Dennis Smith, Larry Kinney, Anne Shackett, Lee Sturtevent, and Chris Ransom.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Bob Beeman.

## I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. None

## II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Chris Ransom would like to see GMATV(Green mountain Access TV) play more current episodes of the Selectboard meeting. Mickey is on the GMATV board and will mention it at their next board meeting. Also Chris wanted to know what real estate we were buying or selling as real estate was on the agenda under other business. Bob Beeman, Chair stated that it could mean a lot of things not necessarily buying or selling real estate, just information that can't be disclosed to the public at this time regarding real estate.

## III. NEW BUSINESS

**1.**Green Burial Discussion with Morristown Cemeteries Association- Dennis Smith, Anne Shackett, Jane Paine Representatives of the Morrisville Cemetery and Lee Sturtevant as representative of the Pleasant View Cemetery came to discuss green burials at the 7 seven town cemeteries as well as at Pleasant View. There currently is no policy in place on green burials. Dennis said there are too many unanswered questions [such as how a burial site would be marked or what if the ground sinks, who is to maintain the area, does it have to be mowed. etc.] at this time regarding the issue. He would like to see a moratorium be put on green burials until they have had more time to research the issue. Dan recommended a moratorium for 1 years to allow the cemetery committees time to research the subject.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to grant moratorium on green burials for 1 year. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**2 Approve Zoning Bylaws-** The Selectboard and Planning Commission have had the required number of hearing and can at this time approve the changes to the Zoning Bylaws.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve proposed amendments to the Morristown/Morrisville Zoning Bylaws. Motion approved(4/0)**

**3. Longevity Pay Policy-** this is an update to the policy to keep the non-union employees consistent with the union employees.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to approve update to the Longevity Pay Policy. Motion approved. (4/0)**

4. **Fuel Bids-** We received 4 bids for fuel oil with Irving being the lowest at $3.43 for fixed price, however, they did not conform to bid specifications and the price was only good until September 12, 2013. Bournes Energy was the next lowest at $3.65 for fixed price followed by Clarence Brown at $3.699 and Fred's Plumbing and Heating at $3.809 for fixed price.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to accept bid from Bournes Energy at $3.65 for fixed price. Motion approved. (4/0)**

We received 3 bids for propane lowest; price was Irving at $1.80 for fixed price again they did not conform to bid specifications and the bid was only valid until September 12, 2013. Bournes Energy bid $1.93 and Fred's Plumbing and Heating bid $1.97 for fixed price.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to accept bid from Bournes Energy at $1.93 fixed price. Motion approved. (4/0**)

## IV. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

**Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter session as Board of Liquor Control. Motion approved. (4/0)**

Michelle Adams would like to open a takeout eatery and offer beer wine and tobacco as a retail business in the former Sabrina's Restaurant. She is asking for approval for a 2nd class Liquor and Tobacco license. Richard Keith, Chief of Police said he had no issues with the request.

**Motion made by Min Cote, Seconded by Brain Kellogg to approve 2nd class liquor license for Michelle Adams. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to come out of Liquor Control Board and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion approved. (4/0)**

## V. TA REPORT

**1.** Scott Bidewell called and would like to have the word "unfortunately" taken out of the 8/19/2013 minutes as they felt it was a personal opinion of the Town. Bob Beeman said that it is a personal opinion. Brian Kellogg and Mickey Smith said they could see how it could be conveyed as a personal opinion but they did say at that meeting that it was "unfortunate" that the Lepine's had sold their property. Bob Beeman asked about legality of the issue, Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said that it was the discretion of the Selectboard to remove the word "unfortunately" if they so choose.

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to remove the word unfortunately out of the sentence " Unfortunately the Lepine's have sold their property and the new owners Randy & Scott Bidwell would prefer they did not access the plot". Motion approved. (3/1)Brian Kellogg voted no.**

**2.** Concrete removal on Maple Street is going well. They have added some staymat to help keep the potholes to a minimum.

**3**. The Village will be having a vote on the funding of the Maple Street Project on October 7, 2013
**4**. Roctoberfest is coming up on October 5, 2013. Tricia and Todd are working hard on the event.
**5**.Jim Pease would like to know how many business are not hooked into the sewer on the North End of Town. Dan and Todd are looking into this.

## VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Min Cote**
  - Would like to see the road crew utilize the equipment we have purchased. They have not been seeding and mulching when they doing their ditching work. They need to finish the job.
- **Steve Rae-**
  - Not Present

**Brian Kellogg-**
  - Traffic light at Harrell Street. How much longer? Dan says this was a requirement when the State put the Mental Facility at the Community Connections Building. But it is slated to go away when the bypass is finished.

**Bob Beeman-**
  - None
- **Mickey Smith-**
  - None

## VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes 9-4-2013 with the following corrections:
- Motion regarding new police vehicle should read $29740
- Bob Beeman Opened the meeting.
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve consent agenda with corrections to the 9-4-2013 minutes. Motion approved. (4/0)**

## VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter executive session for Personnel and Real Estate to include Dan Lindley and Richard Keith at 7:00PM. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to exit Executive Session at 8:00PM and enter Regular Session. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Min Cote Seconded by Brian Kellogg, to offer VMERS Group C to all fulltime Planning Directors. Motion approved. (4/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to hire Diana Osborn part-time to work as an Instructor for the EMT training at GMTCC. The additional hours provided by this position would normally make her eligible for additional benefits under the Town of Morristown Personnel Policy, however, by agreeing to accept this additional**

**work she will agree to waive her eligibility requirements for those benefits. Motion approved (4/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to adjourn the meeting at 8:05PM. Motion approved. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 17th day of September 2013 Erica Allen, Clerk

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