



## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 16, 2002

Members Present: Brian Greenia, Mark Struhsacker and Shaun Bryer

Members Absent: Donald Anderson and James Paige

Department Heads: Richard Keith, MPD Chief and Wally Reeve, MFD Chief

Guests: Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator; Ed Debor, Library Trustee; Brian Kellogg, Animal Control Officer; Gloria Wing, Senior Center; Bob Kiley; Judy Nepveu and Dawn Dinsdale

Chair Brian Greenia opened the meeting at 6:02 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility as the Liquor Control Board.

### LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

Rock Art Brewery, LLC submitted an application for a Second Class Liquor License for the Board's approval.

*On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board approved the application for a Second Class Liquor License from Rock Art Brewery, LLC.*

*On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board of Liquor Control adjourned at 6:04 PM and continued the meeting as Selectboard.*

### GUESTS

#### HEIDI KRANTZ – COMMUNITY COORDINATOR:

The Morristown community has received a VCDP Grant, which creates changes in the Community Coordinator's job description, as well as her role with the various town organizations. The Town Administrator prepared a draft job description, from information when the position was originated. In the TA's memo of September 12, 2002, he explained that her role was an ever-changing one, however the job description has never been adjusted to accommodate these changes.

Many of the organizations Heidi has been working with have been very successful with one of them having reached their goal of non-profit status and are no longer in need of



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her services. Heidi is still involved with a few of the groups, but not to the degree that she was in the beginning, as her role within the community has changed partly due to the VCDP and VSJF grants project.

The Selectboard and Heidi discussed her position as it is now and what changes she foresees for the future. The Community Coordinator position has been funded with grants and a Village tax to help support her work with Morrisville's "*Downtown Designation*" goal. With the budget process in the beginning stages for 2003 – 2004, the Selectboard realizes the need to determine the position's future.

Heidi stated that she is also involved with the "*north end*" of town, especially with Ames Department store leaving, so her work is not necessarily just "*village*" oriented.

After this VCDP Planning Grant, the next step would be to apply for an *Implementation Grant* possibly near the end of 2004. The Board asked what Heidi would like to see happen with her position and what she thought the next step might be. Heidi felt that there is "*a lot still to happen*", but she may or may not be the person to carry on. She felt the town might want someone with more experience to focus on where we want to go. She also stated that if the Selectboard wishes for her not to be as involved with the various organizations, then these groups need to be advised of that decision.

The Community Coordinator's position will be on the Selectboard's agenda for the September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting for further discussion.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT TANKER TRUCK:

Chief Wally Reeve informed the Board that he had made an offer of \$9,000 to purchase a "Tanker Truck" from St. Albans Fire Department. St. Albans was asking \$10,000, but would take Wally's offer to their next meeting. The issue of the "Tanker Truck" will be on the next Selectboard's agenda.

## DOG ISSUE HEARING

Dawn Dinsdale of 209 Congress Street submitted a written complaint to the Selectboard regarding her neighbor Judy Nepveu's dog Sweeper. In the letter, Ms. Dinsdale stated that the dog bit her on August 23, 2002, while she was talking with Mrs. Nepveu's son Brian in her driveway. She stated that Sweeper was on a lead at the time and it was an unprovoked attack.



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Mrs. Nepveu, Chief Richard Keith and Brian Kellogg, Animal Control Officer for the Town of Morristown were present for the hearing. Mr. Kellogg stated that upon receiving a call from Ms. Dinsdale regarding the incident, he contacted Bob Johnson, State Veterinarian for advice and recommended she contact the Selectboard. Chief Keith also received a call from her the following day.

Issues of concern included the security of the dog kennel, the dog being confined to the house at all times except for relieving himself, whether that was humane and fair to the animal and public safety in general. Mrs. Nepveu stated that her dogs were not left in their kennel for long periods of time unsupervised and they had never escaped.

The Selectboard requested that the Animal Control Officer inspect the kennel for security and report back to the Administration Office. Mr. Kellogg stated he did not want to be held responsible if the dog should get out of the pen and bite someone else. The Chairman of the Board stated it was the town's responsibility to inspect the kennel and instructed him to do so. Mr. Kellogg made arrangements with Mrs. Nepveu to inspect the kennel after the hearing.

The Selectboard instructed Mrs. Nepveu to keep the dog confined at all times and this hearing is the first warning she will receive. If anything else should happen, the issue would be taken to the next level. After Mr. Kellogg performs his inspection and gives his report, a letter will be drafted to Ms. Dinsdale.

## SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR

Gloria Wing and Bob Kiley, representing the Lamoille County Civic Association, requested a letter of support from the Selectboard to include with their USDA grant application. They plan to apply for a \$13,000 grant to purchase a generator and upgrade the wiring at the Senior Center with the intention of having the capability of using the Center for an Emergency Shelter should the need arise.

Dawn Dinsdale arrived at the Selectboard meeting at 6:35 PM.

***On a motion by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Mark Struhsacker, the Selectboard voted to support the efforts of Lamoille County Civic Association in their grant application.***

Discussion included costs, specifications of the generator and maintenance.

Gloria Wing commented that camera work done for the Maple Street project, created several large holes in the street and wondered when repairs would be done.



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Gloria Wing, Bob Kiley and Ed Debor left the meeting at this time.

### DOG ISSUE CONTINUED:

Dawn Dinsdale stated that she had been at the Town Hall at 6:30 PM, as she did not realize the Selectboard didn't hold their meetings there. The Board apologized for the miscommunication on location, but stated the letter she received gave 6:15 PM as the designated time. The Selectboard and Ms. Dinsdale discussed the details of the hearing.

### GUESTS

The guest scheduled for 7:00 PM was unable to attend the meeting. Brian Greenia stated that he would like to conduct business in a timely manner, as Board members should attend the Pleasant View Cemetery meeting scheduled for 7:00 PM.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### MINUTES:

*On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard approved the minutes of the September 3, 2002 meeting as presented.*

### WARRANTS

*On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Selectboard approved the Warrants as presented on the Memorandum dated 09/16/02. (Attached)*

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Town Administrator was on vacation this week. The Selectboard reviewed and discussed the issues listed on Paul's memo and again stated how much they liked the additional comments at the end. It was noted that this was the first meeting Paul had missed since he began.



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**GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION**

Brian Greenia shared with the other Board members, a discussion regarding the Railroad property he had recently with Susan Bartlett.

He also stated that Rescue Service issues would be discussed on Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM in Johnson.

**ADJOURN**

*On a motion by Mark Struhsacker, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board adjourned at 7:05 PM.*

Barbara Cochran, Scribe

Minutes filed on September 18, 2002

Minutes to be presented for approval at the next Selectboard meeting.

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Minutes Approved

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