



## SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Dave Yacovone, Todd Yando and Steve Bousquet.

Department Heads: David Crawford, Town Administrator; Chief Richard Keith; and Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.

Guests: Chris Ransom, Lisa McCormick, Heidi Krantz, Mike Isabell, Dick Godfrey, Joanne Godfrey, Lori James, Audrey Marshia, Stanley Marshia Sr., Bridget Polow, Gary Smith, and Dale Spaulding.

Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM at the Community Meeting Room.

### I. AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

➤ None

### II. GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. **Pleasant Street ROW-** Dawn Andrews from River Arts is requesting to use approximately 5.5' of the Town ROW to provide for a side walk and a handicapped ramp. This would align the south end of Pleasant Street with the North end. Board discussed and agreed they would be able to get a better picture if they did a site walk. The issue was tabled until a site walk could be scheduled.
2. **Planning Commission-** Chip Sawyer presented the Municipal Planning Grant program, and discussed with the Board what the study would cover. The Town can apply for up to \$15,000 for studies to help update the Town Plan and Zoning Bylaws. The Study that the Planning Commission is asking approval for would cover traffic circulation, parking availability and pedestrian/biking safety. Some of the questions that would be asked are what are the effects or possibilities for vehicular traffic and pedestrian traffic. Would traffic flow better with the "one way" street traffic using a village square. Board would like to see a study done as to what the effects of a traffic light would have on the morning and afternoon commute. Some comments and suggestions from the public were also discussed. There is a definite need to study or traffic flow and to implement a plan. Major public concern was the wait time in the morning and afternoon. A suggestion was to provide a Traffic Cop/Guard to direct traffic during the busy times. The Board also asked if Dave Pelletier could come for the September 24, 2007 meeting to discuss options for obtaining funding for a traffic light.
3. **East High Street "No Right Turn sign"-** discussed the sign and the significant impact it has had on the traffic both on East High street and in the village. Some comments from the Board included residents noting faster traffic on Congress Street, some people are still using the turn, not seeing the sign. Chief Keith said the volume of traffic is and has been more of an issue than speeding. He says that few (1 out of 7) still make the turn. The Chief also stated that technically

the turn is illegal, because when making the turn you are entering the other lane of traffic. Some public comments/suggestions were cars are using Bournes driveway to go up East high street and then turning right onto Winter Street, causing more traffic volume on these streets. There seems to be congestions all over Town it is not limited to just East High St., Union St., and Winter St., residents felt that we need to figure out a way to move traffic through Town more efficiently not cut it off. More discussion on the blinking light, it seems there is a real need for a traffic light; people are not using the blinking light properly by taking turns. Some residents thought that imposing a curfew would free up Officer time for more daytime traffic issues. The Chief explained that this was not possible because a curfew cannot be enforced. Again the residents expressed interest in having a traffic guard/officer direct traffic at commuter times (7-8am and 4-6pm). General consensus from the Board was that we should go back to the way it was (remove the sign) and issue more tickets for speeding and also look at budget aspects of hiring a part-time police officer.

***Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Steve Bousquet to authorize the TA and the Chief to look into the budget impact of hiring a part-time police officer for Traffic Control in the morning hours and in the afternoon commute hours, and to also take down the "no right turn" sign. They will have proposal at next Board meeting on 9/24/07. Motion approved (4/1 Todd Yando)***

### **III. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Jersey Heights-** Agreement memo has been submitted to Manosh Corporation. Gary Nolan and the TA met last week at the site. They are working together to complete the agreement. TA will be attending the Jersey Court Condo Association meeting Tuesday Night at 7pm to discuss their road.

***Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to authorize the TA to sign the agreement between the Town and Manosh Corporation on Selectboard's behalf. Motion approved (5/0)***

2. **Bridge Updates-** TA meeting with Ernie Englehardt on Tuesday to discuss action on the Bridge Street Bridge and also to get an update on the Tenney Bridge project. Will have full update for the Board at the 9/24/07 meeting.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Water & Light Act 250-** Board will hold a special meeting on the Sewer Extension Policy funding and location.

2. **Errors and Omissions submitted by the Listers Office-**

***Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve the Errors and Omissions memo as submitted by the Listers office. Motion approved. (5/0)***

### **V. SELECT BOARD CONCERNS**

- Todd Yando- None
- Steve Bousquet- None
- Shaun Bryer- Thanks to Chris Ransom for taking the time to tape the Board meetings, there has been some good feedback on it and people are watching the tapings.
- Brian Kellogg- Discussed fee schedule increase proposed by Lamoille Regional Solid Waste.
- Dave Yacovone- Thought we should have Mac Miller come to a Board meeting with updates on Lamoille Solid Waste.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to authorize the TA to contact Mac Miller the Town's Representative and ask him to abstain from voting in favor of the rate increase. Motion approved. 4/1 Brian Kellogg abstained)

## **VI. TA REPORT**

**Town Administrator included reports on the following subjects:**

- Beacon Hill Road work completed & Deeds being prepared.
- Zoning case updates
- MRS 911 House number project.
- Highway Issues- Crushing Gravel- Use of Town ROW's
- Recreation Special Committee- Last meeting to be held on 9/12/07
- Planning commission Town Plan Forum Meeting on 9/18/07

## **VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

*Motion made by Steve Bousquet seconded by Todd Yando to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)*

*Items approved for Consent Agenda*

- *Approve Minutes of Previous meeting*
- *Approve & Sign Warrants*
- *Approval of ACH Deposit Account- Memo from Mary Ann*
- *Approval of Revised Non-resident School Tax Rate per Mary Ann Memo*
- *Sign Tandem Truck 2 year Loan Note*
- *Approval of North End Stormwater Project Grant Application & Request for Bids*
- *Sign LCPC Appointment Form for Heidi Krantz and Steve Rae.*

## **VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Dave Yacovone to enter Executive Session with Chief Richard Keith and Dave Crawford, Town Administrator for Update on Police Negotiations, Personnel Issues. Motion approved (5/0)*

## **ADJOURN**

*On a Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:30PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).*

Respectfully submitted and filed this 11th day of September, 2007.

Erica Reed; Administrative Assistant

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Minutes Approved

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Date