



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan & Judy Bickford (by phone).

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief, Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Road Foreman; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; and Tricia Follert, Community Development Director.

Guests: Denise Trombley, Allen VanAnda, Graham Mink, Dan Barrett, Tyler Mumley, Elise Limoge, Zane Burke, Joanne Rauscher, June Boudreau, Jill & Ted Harris, Judy & Dick Shanley, Peter Wilder, Rob & Pat Lencke, Jane Renaud, Rick & Sandy Voya, Erin & Adam Noe, Jeannine Valcour, Erin Noe, and Mike Desjardins

Bob Beeman called the Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. None

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of August 17, 2020

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the minutes of August 17, 2020. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion passed (5/0)

2. Approve minutes of August 18, 2020

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of August 18, 2020 Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. Approve minutes of August 31, 2020

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of August 18, 2020 Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Request for Noise Ordinance Waiver- Lost Nation would like to have bands for the next 5 weeks. They would like a variance to the Noise Ordinance which runs from 10PM-5PM

currently. The bands would end by 11 PM. The series would run from September 12 to October 10.

Motion made by Gary Nolan to approve variance to the Noise Ordinance to allows bands to play at Lost Nation from September 10 through October 10, 2010. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

IV. ZONING HEARING-

Discuss Changes to the bylaws. Residents from Fairwood Parkway came to discuss with the Selectboard that the area of Fairwood Parkway East & West and Paine venue is zoned as medium density and they would like it changed to low density to prohibit too many houses being built on smaller lots. This was not on the agenda for Zoning changes for 2020. The Selectboard can direct the Planning Council to take a look at this and add to the zoning changes for 2021. There were no comments regarding the 2020 proposed zoning changes.

V. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss Town Road Policy-** Planning Council would like to change the width restriction to a narrower width for new roads. Narrower roads tend to reduce the speed of drivers it also reduces the amount a developer has to pay to bring the road to Town specs. Roads have to be at Town specifications only if the developer plans on having the Town take over the road. The Selectboard will take the Planning Council's request under advisement.
- 2. Old Street Signs-** Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator would like the Town to donate the old street signs to MACC. They would like to auction them off and use the money to do another project in Town. The signs would otherwise be thrown out. The Selectboard agreed to donate to MACC.
- 3. Fireworks –** Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator would like have the Fireworks that were canceled for the 4th of July on December 5th for the Festival of Lights.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the Fireworks for December 5th , 2020 pending any change in the Governors guidelines due to Covid-19. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion Carried. (5/0).

- 4. VMERS GROUP C-** Town Staff is asking the Selectboard to offer Group C to the employees. This would allow employees that intend to retire in the near future to accrue retirement funds quicker than if they were in group B.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to offer VEMERS Group C to all employees that don't qualify for VMERS group D. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 5. Fuel & Propane Bids–**

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept bid from Bournes Energy for Propane at \$1.16 per gallon. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0).

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept bid from Brosseau Fuels, LLC for Fuel Oil at \$1.48 per gallon. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 6. Approve Changes to FY20/21 Pay Plan-** Highway Superintendent added to the pay plan.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve addition of Highway Superintendent to the FY20/21 Pay Plan at grade 9. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 7. EMS Roster-** Bill Mapes would like to add Peter Kourkoulis to the EMS Roster as a Volunteer, Peter is trying to be recertified as a paramedic. He is also a highway employee and Dan Lindley, Town Administrator stated that he will not be able to perform highway duties while he is volunteering for EMS.

Motion made by Judy Bickford to add Peter Kourkoulis to the EMS Roster as a volunteer. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 8. Delinquent Tax Collection-** Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasures discussed the Delinquent Tax Collection policy with the Selectboard. Currently it does not look like Covid19 affected the collection of taxes. Sara thinks this is due the governor's late decision regarding property tax collection. The Selectboard agreed to leave the policy as is.

- 9. Trombley Hill Tiff District-** Currently there is no infrastructure on the Trombley Hill property and there are no plans for future development. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator would like to dissolve the Tiff District for Trombley Hill. Funds that have been collected will go back into the general fund.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve dissolving the Municipal Tiff District for Trombley Hil Innovation/Industrial Park. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Approve Change Order for Mud City Loop Culvert-** Change order is for removing ledge to install new culvert.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve change order in the amount of \$5637.50. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VIII. WARRANTS

1. **Motion made by Eric Dodge to sign warrants for September 8, 2020. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)**

IX. TA REPORT-

1. September 15 at 5PM is the Pope Meadow site walk.
2. Mud City Loop culvert is finished
3. Oxbow Bathrooms are still scheduled to be built this year.
4. Storm water Project starting on Copley Ave. next week.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- Speeders on Randolph Road

Gary- Crosswalk on Brooklyn Street. Would like this looked into. It is possible that there should be a crosswalk there as Denny mentioned at a previous meeting. Dan said he would look into this.

Brian- None

Eric- Had an inquiry as to why the village crew were painting sidewalks on Saturday. The weather was the cooperating and made it prime to paint.

Bob- None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS-

Motion made by Eric Dodge enter executive session to discuss evaluation of a public employee under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley and Sara Haskins.

Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of pending or probable civil litigation to which the public body is or may be party will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge enter executive session to discuss pending or probable civil litigation to which the public body is or may be party under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley . Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge 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 seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to we enter executive session to discuss the Real Estate, Purchase or Lease Options under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the

Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the resolution for the Settlement Agreement on a tax appeal for Morrisville Water & Light and authorized Bob Beeman to sign. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter purchase and sale agreement for the Town property known as the Beeman Lot for a purchase price of \$40,000 and authorize Bob Beeman to sign. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

XII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:35PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 9th day of September, 2020
Erica Allen, Scribe

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