



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2022  
Amended by Judi Alberi September 20, 2022**

MEMBERS: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford, Jessica Graham, Brian Kellogg and Don McDowell

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Judi Alberi, *Administrative Assistant*; Kevin Barrows, *Highway Superintendent*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Jason Luneau, *Police Chief*; Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*; Paula Beattie, *Human Resources Director*; Sara Haskins, *Town Clerk/Treasurer*; Tricia Follert\*, *Community Development Coordinator*; Todd Thomas\*, *Planning Director*

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Gary Briggs, Martin Green, Laura Green, Patrick Harrington, Scott Johnstone, Tom Cloutier, Duane Sprague, Barry Russo, Jamey Brewster, Becky Karzmarczyk, Sharon Rowell, Kristin Marriott, Luke Aupperlee, Marylou Nichols

*\*participating via Zoom*

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Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:01PM at the Tegu Building.

**AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS**

#8 Approve the hiring of Stacey Ferriman as Assistant Finance Director.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

***Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of August 15, 2022. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0) with amendments.***

Amendments to the minutes: Don McDowell requested the following sentence be added to New Business, Section 1 – Discuss former gas station property with new owner, Tim Bryan – “Don voted for the town to spend the money required so that the town did not have to look at a “pit”.

**LIQUOR CONTROL**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Introduction of Scott Johnstone, Morrisville Village Manager**

Scott has an extensive background in civil and professional engineering and running organizations. Morrisville Water & Light (MWL) has been around for 127 years, strong water quality and quantity. Electricity is going to be more in demand in the coming years so the MWL will prepare for that over the next 10-15 years. Future pole & transformers replacements.

Integrated resource plan will be updated and posted on the MWL website. Scott is very interested in working with the Town of Morristown and keep the relationship strong and moving forward. The board welcomed Scott and thanked him for coming to the meeting.

**2. Coin Drop for VFW Auxiliary (Becky Kazmarczyk)**

*Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the Coin drop October 8<sup>th</sup> 11am – 3pm in front of the Fire Department. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0)*

**3. Accept Nathan Wolfe's resignation from Police Department**

*Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept Nathan Wolfe's resignation as a part time Patrol Officer with a Thank You. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0)*

**4. Approve the hiring of Samuel Johnston as part time EMT**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to hire Samuel Johnston in the EMS Dept. as a part time EMT at a rate of \$21.93 per hour with a start date of August 30, 2022. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0)*

**5. Approve to add Jakob Boyer as a volunteer EMS**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to add Jakob Boyer as a volunteer EMS. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)*

**6. Approve Christopher Tetreault as full time Police Officer**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to approve Christopher Tetreault as a full time Police Officer. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0)*

**7. Approve the hiring of Todd Baxter as a full time Detective Lieutenant**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to hire Todd Baxter in the Police Department as a full time Detective Lieutenant at a rate of \$46.69 per hour. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)*

**8. Approve the hiring of Stacey Ferriman as Assistant Finance Director**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to hire Stacey Ferriman in the Finance Department as the full time Assistant Finance Director at a rate of \$25.06 per hour with a start date of September 19, 2022. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried (5/0)*

**9. Sign Errors and Omissions Certificate**

*Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve signing the Errors and Omissions Certificate as presented. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0)*

**10. Discuss delinquent tax policy**

*Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the Town of Morristown Policy of the Collector of Delinquent Taxes as amended. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0)*

**11. Discuss delinquent taxes**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to authorize the Delinquent Tax Collector to engage in services with attorney Jim Barlow to issue demand letters for all property owners that are in arrears of \$80 or more. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)*

**12. Approve financing for 2022 Volvo L60H Wheel loader**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the Union Banks's bid for financing of a 2022 Volvo L60H Wheel Loader at a rate of 3.59% for five years for a total of \$85,900. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)*

**13. Approve financing for 2022 paving**

*Motion made by Don McDowell accept the Union Banks's bid for financing of 2022 Paving at a rate of 3.59% for five years for a total of \$500,000. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)*

**14. Select and approve bid for fuel & propane**

*Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the bid from Bourne's Energy to supply the Town's heating fuel oil for \$4.09 per gallon from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (3/2) Judy Bickford and Jess Graham opposed.*

*Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the bid from Fred's to supply the Town's propane for \$1.910 per gallon from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried (5/0)*

**15. Review bids for Duhamel Pit reclaiming project**

The Selectboard discussed the project as a whole and reviewed the 2 bids received. The amount of the bid quotes were significantly different which prompted discussion from the Selectboard. Kevin Barrows provided information on what the reclamation of the pit would entail and assured the Selectboard that both bidders had visited the pit with him and the project was described in detail.

*Motion made by Judy Bickford to accept the bid from Dale E. Percy for reclaiming the Morristown Duhamel Pit as presented, hourly rate \$450/hr for mobilization/demobilization, \$150/hr D6 Dozer w/operator for 5 days (40-50 hrs). Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/1) Jess Graham opposed.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**APPROVE WARRANTS**

*Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford.*

***Motion carried. (5/0)***

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT by Judi Alberi on behalf of Eric Dodge**

1. Press release was submitted regarding the reclaiming and paving of the Garfield Rd, Randolph Rd, and Stagecoach Rd.
2. New phones were purchased and the provider chosen is saving money monthly
3. VCLT Town Fair is in October and Eric has signed up Kevin Barrows, Judi Alberi, Paula Beattie, and himself for various workshops.
4. Sara Haskins spoke about the cannabis permits and some changes with the process of liquor applicants.

**SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Don McDowell** – Thank Todd and planning council for a possible solution for the Brooklyn Street residents. Bothered by the fact that the town does not have a permit for the Duhamel pit. Would like to see more recreation opportunities at Duhamel pit. Still concerned about the planning council meetings as to where they are held and would like to know why the planning council meetings are not on zoom.

**Judy Bickford** – Planning Council cannot be on zoom due to lack of employees to run the program during the meetings.

**Jessica Graham** – Hearing consistent concerns about Planning Council meetings and minutes. Jess feels it is our obligation to provide zoom and we just need to do it. Wonders if there is an image or sketch of the vacant lot that was discussed at the last Selectboard meeting as citizens were looking for a visual. We have the Duhamel pit and now need to buy gravel from other entities and are there other resources? Assessment of the cost of the permitting process and legal fees of the Duhamel pit vs purchasing other property? If we don't get a permit for Duhamel pit are we asking for bids for gravel?

**Brian Kellogg** - Duhamel pit is an ongoing concern. Has something gone wrong in Montpelier for us to not have our permit.

**Bob Beeman** – Will be in Europe for the next meeting. Asked Judy to sit in for him and Bob apologized for having to miss the next meeting.

**COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

The community concerns also addressed the Duhamel pit and the permit that is still awaiting. The planning council not utilizing a remote platform continues to be a community concern and the notices of various board meetings not being advertised on various platforms was also addressed. Could GMATV record the meetings for viewing remotely? Jess Graham would like to see the discussion of recording all board meetings on the next meeting agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**ADJOURN**

***Motion made by Jess Graham to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)***

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Submitted and filed this September 9, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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