

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 2000

Present: Don A., Brian G. – Chair, Jim P., Lee S.

ABSENT: Steve L.

DEPT. HEADS: Bill M., Wally R., Richard K., Ken S., Mary Ann W.

GUESTS: Paul Griswold

Meeting of the Selectboard convened at 6:00PM.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Paving has been completed in the Town and Village with the exception of a few driveway cuts. Scraping of the Town Garage has begun. Bill M. will need three, twenty-four foot ladders for the project. Don, Lee and the Fire Department have ladders available. New lines will need to be painted on paved areas. The curbing will be started at school. On 9/6/2000 the new mower will arrive. On 9/27/2000 there will be a mandatory eight-hour safety course in Montpelier for all Highway personnel. The recent safety inspection revealed that the face on the pit is too high, a road will be added to cure problem. It also involved new regulations regarding equipment guards and record keeping. Bill M. requested a \$35.00 appropriation to purchase a new decibel meter, as the existing one has been borrowed by other departments and cannot be located. Bill M. has received a quote from Mark Cote in the amount of \$38,065 for repairs to the cement abutment on the bridge near Tomlinson's store. The State will return to assist in determining areas to be repaired. Removal of scale, re-facing and curb repairs should take approximately five days. Scott Corse will coordinate the lowering of the water level. The State will provide \$35,000 toward the repair; the balance is available in the budget surplus. Bill M. to contact Barry Cahoon for a stream alteration permit. Bill M. requested approval for Mark Cote to begin the project. Lee moved and Don seconded a motion to approve the bridge repair by Cote in an amount not to exceed \$38,065. Passed. VTrans has notified the Town of repairs needed on Bridge #8 (Cadys Falls-Power Plant), and has requested confirmation of notice from the Town. Lee moved and Jim seconded a motion to acknowledge the notice. Passed. Lee inquired about a circulating petition regarding the town taking over roads in Jersey Heights. Brian indicated that policy is to take them over if they meet certain standards. Bill M. stated he does not expect the October 15th deadline to be possible for Jersey Heights.

POLICE:

Dept. received approximately 195 calls. Richard K. and Ryan B. will participate in the Copley Health Fair on 9/9/00. The Dept. will participate in the Stowe Marathon on 9/10/00. Eric Dodge will be at Guard Camp 9/10/00 – 9/25/00. The

Enhancement Grant. The State will assign a Project Supervisor to the grant in September. A delegate is needed to VLCT's annual meeting at Town Fair. Brian moved and Lee seconded a motion to send Jim as the Morristown Delegate for Town Fair. Passed. A comp time voucher was submitted by Bill M. Lee moved and Jim seconded a motion to approve eight hours of comp time. Passed. It was noted that the meeting with the Rescue Squad on 9/11/00 would be in the conference room. The regular Selectboard meeting on 9/18/00 will be held at the Town Garage on Cochran Road. A quitclaim deed has been received from the Village for the transfer of parcels, right of ways and streetlights to the Town. An incorrect reference to the Morristown School property has been removed from the legal description. The Water and Light Dept. will continue normal maintenance of the streetlights. Jim moved and Lee seconded a motion to accept the quitclaim deed dated 8/30/00 and 9/5/00 presented by the Village of Morrisville referring to various parcels identified in the deed. Passed. Brian moved and Jim seconded a motion to authorize Don to sign the document and accept the property. Passed. Brian moved and Lee seconded a motion to pay the streetlight electric bills from 7/1/00 forward. Brian, Jim and Lee were in favor, Don was against. Motion passed. Ken Sweetser reported that a letter has been received from Williams & Green regarding the ongoing dispute between the Belvals and Fitzgeralds and the request for enforcement action. The Board directed the AA to send a letter of response to Williams and Green indicating they feel the Zoning Administrator has adequately enforced the issue and if they wish to discuss the matter further, to request a meeting with the Selectboard.

OLD BUSINESS:

Previously approved work to the Bridge Street sidewalk has been changed to the bottom of Upper Main Street across from the Fire Dept. Don moved and Lee seconded a motion to change the location of sidewalk improvements and additional parking to opposite the fire department and to use a portion of the previously approved money for the project. Passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lee moved and Don seconded a motion to approve the 8/21/00 meeting minutes as submitted. Passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Don suggested sending a card of thanks to Lynn Miller and Carol Bradley for their assistance in the AA office. Brian moved and Jim seconded a motion to authorize a \$100 appropriation for thank you gifts for Lynn and Carol. Passed. Don reported that Adelphia Cable has inquired about Town policies regarding upgrades to their cable system. Brian indicated that as there is no cable policy in place, any problems would have to be addressed as they arise. The Police Dept. should be made aware of the proposed work.

Don reported that six people had attended the BCA meeting on 9/5/00. Sixty-eight names were added to the voter checklist.