SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2019

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg (arrived at 6:05 PM), Judy Bickford, Chris Towne & Eric Dodge

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police, Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Highway Foreman; Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief.

Guests: Andrew Martin, Denny Digregorio, Donnie Blake, Gary Nolan, Richard Lowe, Andrea Beeman, Paul Griswold, Jamie Brewster, Tyler Morway.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Approve ROW Permit

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of August 26, 2019. Motion seconded by Chris Towne.

Discussion: Judy would like to add to her Selectboard Concern that she enjoys working with the Town employees as well.

Motion carried, (4/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. Richard Lowe shared his concerns regarding the ever-increasing taxes. Asked why property taxes are so high. Selectboard Chair Bob Beeman said the 85% of the tax bill is the education tax which the Selectboard has no control over.
2. Jamie Brewster asked about the manhole and if they would be level with the pavement. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator explained that this was done to the State Specifications as it was a State project. Also asked if there could be some painted “No parking” markers along Elmore Street near the Maple Street intersection. With no indication of where to park there is a line of site problem

when pulling off Maple Street. Jamie also asked what the progress was of Duhamel Act 250 permit. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said that the engineer is just finishing up the process and we should be hearing something soon.

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Road Acceptances-

James Rd.-

Motion made by Eric Dodge accept James Rd. as a Town Road. Motion seconded by Chris Towne.

Discussion: The Selectboard deemed that this road did not meet the specifications as outlined in the Town Road Acceptance Policy. There are only 2 structures and the policy states there must be 5.

Motion failed. (0/5)

Belanger Lane-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Belanger Lane as a Town Road. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.

Discussion: This road meets the policy regarding structures but needed some improvements. There needs to some gravel to raise it up allowing for better drainage, there also need to be some ditching along the bottom of the road. Residents of Belanger Lane stated that these improvements have been made. Selectboard suggested having the Highway Foreman and the Town Administrator take a look at the road and we can table the discussion until next meeting.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to table acceptance of Belanger lane pending inspection by the Highway Foreman and the Town Administrator. Motion carried. (5/0)

Lake Lamoille Drive-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept Lake Lamoille Drive as a Town Road. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford.

Discussion: This road does not meet the Structure speciation as outlined in the Town Road Acceptance Policy. It also would need to some coring done to determine the depth of the road.

Motion failed (0/5)

Meadow Drive-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Meadow Drive as a Town Road. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.

Discussion- This road also needs a few improvements to be acceptable by the Town Road policy. There are a few trees that would need to be cut, there needs to be ditching alongside the road, there needs to be a designated snow dump.

Motion failed. (0/5)

Sholan Road-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Sholan Road as a Town Road. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.

Discussion: This road needs signification work to be acceptable by the Town Road acceptance Policy. There would need to be significant tree cutting, the road would need to be widened [needs to be at least 50 feet], there would need to be a gravel base, ditching and possibly some culvert repairs.

Motion failed. (0/5)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Discuss Rejoining LCPC-** Selectboard discussed the pros/cons of rejoining LCPC. Bob Beeman, Chair of the Selectboard really would like to see both boards work together for the benefit of the Town as a whole. Chris Towne, Vice-Chair felt the same. Eric Dodge would like to see the two boards work together but would like to see a defined scope of work or some kind of draft agreement. Several members of the public did not see the benefit of the Town working with LCPC and were very much against rejoining LCPC due to past interactions that had negative impacts on several projects that were in the works. Gary Nolan also mentioned having some kind of draft agreement before the Selectboard made a decision one way or the other.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to table the discussion pending a better understanding of what LCPC's role might be with the Town. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. **Delinquent Taxes**- Sara Haskins has been looking into options for delinquent tax collections. The Attorney that has handled them in the past is retiring. Sara is recommending James Barlow to handle the Towns Delinquent Tax proceedings. This would be on an annual contract basis.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve a contract with James Barlow, PLC as a sole source vendor and to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to sign. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. **Appoint Town Fire Warden**-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Denny DiGregorio as the Town Fire Warden for a term of 5 years. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. **Surplus Stretchers-** Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS received an offer of $7500 for the purchase of our surplus stretchers.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the sale of the surplus stretchers. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. **Review & Approve Social Media Policy-** Dan Lindley presented a model policy from VLCT.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve Social Media Policy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg.

Discussion: There are a few things that the Selectboard thought should be added or removed. Such as defining a person responsible for monitoring social media accounts. Dan will make the changes and bring back to the board for further review.

Motion made by Chris Towne to table the discussion until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

6. **Approve Row Permit-** Bruce Tomlinson is requesting permission to work in the Town Right of way to hook on to the Morristown Corners Water Co-op.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve ROW for Bruce Tomlinson. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. APPROVE WARRANTS

No warrants to be approved.

VIII. TA REPORT

- Trustee Informational meeting is September 4th at 5:30 PM
- Agendas for the Trustee meeting as well as the Site walk to Trombley Hill have been posted.
- Will be out for the rest of the week.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne- Thanked Dan for scheduling meeting during his vacation
Brian Kellogg- None
Eric Dodge-How many dollars have been spent in Morristown on paving. Dan said he would get this information.
Bob Beeman-Paving looks great.
Judy Bickford- None

X. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of a public employee under the provision so Title 1 section 313 (3)(a)(3) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator, Shawn Goodell, Fire Chief & Todd Thomas, Planning Director. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0) Entered Session at 7:40 PM

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Came out of Executive Session at 8:25 PM

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted and filed this 4th day of September 2019
Erica Allen, Scribe

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