



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 27, 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, Howard Manosh, Gary Nolan and Bill Moulton.

Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM at the Community Meeting Room.

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

- None

II. GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. **Highway Superintendent Bob Melfy**- introduce new employee Jeremy Perkins. Jeremy will be working with the Street Department. Dana Douglass has transferred from the Street Department to the highway Department.
2. **Howard Manosh and Gary Nolan [H.A. Manosh Corporation]**
 - a) **Jersey Height Road**- Discussed with the Board the extensive history of the Jersey Heights Road takeover. Howard and Gary expressed a sincere interest in moving forward with the road takeover. They felt that when they built the road that it was built to the Town specifications and that as stated in the Agreement signed by Howard the Borings were not needed. Howard felt that the only accomplishment in doing the Borings is that it would make holes in the pavement and provide a way for water to seep down and destroy the road. Gary stated that at last measurement the road was 27 1/2" which was in 2005 and this was well within the required specifications. A suggestion made by Bill Moulton was to dig the Trench that Manosh is currently working on a little wider to provide a "view" of what the road is actually made with and how much is there. The Board agreed that if Manosh can show that the road is made to specification than the Borings would not be needed. It was agreed by all that the Road Takeover Agreement would be revised to the following:
 - *You (Manosh Corp.) will provide the Town with the original plans and a print indicating what the current situation is as far as construction changes.*
 - *You will dig the existing Trench wide enough to unveil the consistency of the Road and to allow for inspection by our Road crew.*
 - *We will jointly gather factual information relating to the construction of the road and the current status of the road to include:*
 - a. *Together we will make a comparison of the original and revised plans to the original and current Town road standards and existing conditions;*
 - b. *The Town will review of our file documents to determine any pending issues;*

- c. *The Town will review all previously prepared documents with Attorney Richard Sargent to determine which ones need revision.*
- d. *We will both gather first hand statements from people who have been involved with this issue over the years.*
- *The Town Staff prepare its recommendation to the Selectboard.*
- *The Selectboard will then meet with you to review information to discuss the information gathered. (You and the Selectboard will determine if your offer to provide a "paving guarantee" is required.)*
- *Your attorney would then finalize documents and guarantee agreement (if required).*
- *The Selectboard will call the "Takeover Hearing" to determine that the road is up to standard.*

- b) *Northgate Avenue-* Discussed documents we received from the State of Vermont confirming that Northgate Avenue is a Town Road and has been since 1978. The Selectboard and the Town at that time went through the proper procedure required by law to adopt Northgate Avenue as a Town Road.

- c) *Sewer Agreement-* attached

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executive Session at 7:05 pm. for a Contractual matter. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to leave Executive Session at 7:35 pm and enter Regular Session. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Todd Yando to enter into an agreement between H.A. Manosh Corp. and the Town of Morristown for the acquisition of 2,432' of sewer main to be deeded to the Village of Morrisville under the terms and conditions outlined in the agreement signed and dated August 27, 2007. Motion approved. (5/0)

III. OLD BUSINESS

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Steve Bousquet to set approve a municipal tax rate for FY08 of \$.6187 per \$100 of assessed value(which includes a municipal rate of \$.3693, a highway rate of \$.2483 and a local agreement rate of \$.0011 and affirming the total tax rate with education taxes. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Municipal Planning Grant-* Discussed the request from the Planning commission for authorization to apply for a grant to study the Traffic Flow of the Town. Board would like to have the Planning Commission come to the next Board meeting to discuss other study's that could be conducted.
2. *Police Department-* Board agreed to authorize the Police Department to place an ad seeking a temporary employee to replace the Officer that will be on special assignment.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Steve Bousquet to authorize the Town Administrator and the Police Chief to search for and recommend a temporary employee to replace the Officer on special assignment. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. Personal Policy-

Motion made by Dave Yacovone seconded by Brain Kellogg to approve the Personal Policy as presented.

- Brief discussion held the practice of which the records are released to employee or other party. Board agreed that the policy covered how the records were kept and the release of private or sealed information.

Motion approved. (5/0)

V. LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Dave Yacovone to enter Session as the Liquor Control Board. Motion approved. (5/0)

Discussed Second Class Liquor License request from Bailey House Floral.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone to approve second class liquor license request from Bailey House Floral. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg to exit session as Liquor Control Board. Motion approved. (5/0)

VI. SELECT BOARD CONCERNS

- Todd Yando- None
- Steve Bousquet- Travel Plaza near the Mobil Station is in need of repair. Steve contacted the State and they said that it was owned by the Town of Morristown and Lamoille Chamber of Commerce.
- Shaun Bryer- None
- Brian Kellogg- None
- Dave Yacovone- asked when we should discuss the East High Street "No Right Turn" sign. Board agreed to put it on the September 10, 2007 Agenda.

Motion made by Steve Bousquet seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)

Items approved for Consent Agenda

- ***Approve Minutes of Previous meeting***
- ***Approve & Sign Warrants***
- ***Confirm Appointment of Highway Employee Jeremy Perkins***
- ***Confirmations if the Equipment Loan for the MRs Ambulance***
- ***Select Board Members to register for VLCT Town Fair.***
- ***Reading File***

VII. TA REPORT

Town Administrator included reports on the following subjects:

- Tenney Bridge – Replacement is planned for Mid October. Dave had discussion on the detour signage. There have been complaints on the location of the Rt. 15A flashing sign placement. Ta discussed with VTRANs where a better location might be. They are looking into it.

- TA Met with Scott Fortin and the TIP for the Stowe/Morrisville Airport, discussed plans for Paving the Airport.
- Revising the Morrisville Water & Light Randolph Road Agreement due construction needs
- The Finance Office will be closing at noon on Wednesday to focus on projects without interruptions.
- Highway Department is looking at purchasing Road Salt in a co-operative agreement with other Towns.

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, and Contractual. Motion approved (5/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:20PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 28th day of August, 2007.

Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved

Date

9/10/07