



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF August 19, 2013

Members Present: Bob Beeman(Chair) (arrived at 6:10PM)., Min Cote, Steve Rae, Brian Kellogg and Mickey Smith

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Richard Keith, Police Chief; and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk, Treasurer.

Guests: Chris Ransom, Dawn Archibald Lisa McCormick, Gert Lepine, Heather Schneider, Sharon Green, Scott & Randy Bidwell and Denise Kern.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add Review & Approve Retirement Requests.

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. **United Way-** Dawn Archibald from United Way would like to have a public shower incorporated with the bathrooms that the Town is thinking of building at the Oxbow. There is a resident that has offered the building materials as well as heat & hot water. Dawn also mentioned that they would take care of the upkeep and the liability of bathhouse. The bathroom at the Oxbow is currently in the design stage and was intended to be a seasonal bathroom such as the Portalet's are currently. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator suggested to Dawn that they lease a lot or parcel of land and have a public shower house built and that way they could oversee it. The Selectboard said they would take it into consideration and get back to Dawn.

Chris Ransom- Chris Ransom came back before the Selectboard seeking some answers to his questions from a couple weeks ago. **#1- Fire Horn-** Chris had asked about having the fire horn placed on the Senior center away from the Playground at the graded building. Min Cote, said that the fire horn has been at the fire station for many years and he saw no reason to change it since no one else has complained about it. He said that Chris could get a petition from the voters to change it. **#2 Speed signs at the Oxbow-** Dan talked to Mike and he is going to change the location of the speed signs, but he just has not had time to do it. **#3 Crosswalk at Bourne's-** There is no sign on the Bourne's side. Dan said that there is no place for a sign on that side due to tractor trailer trucks taking the sign out when turning the corner. The sign on the opposite side is double sided. **#4 Public awareness-** Chris would like to see more public awareness and a place to make complaints or voice concerns such as Front Porch Forum. Mickey stated that we have a form on the website that people can fill in and submit to the Town.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Private Burial Site-** The Lepines would like to access their family burial plot in Mud City. They have sold their land and the new owners Scott & Randy Bidwell would rather they didn't access the plot. Attorney Sharon Green stated that the only action that the Town can take is to grant a temporary access which would need to be obtained each and every time the Lepines wanted to visit or access the cemetery. The Bidwells stated that they would prefer to

talk to the Lepines in private rather than in front of a room full of people. Gert Lepine agreed to do so.

2. Approve Coin drop for Peoples Academy Hockey-The PA Hockey Association would like to hold a coin drop on October 5, 2013 as a fundraiser for the team. They would like to have it in front of Demars Carriage Barn or Debs, and the second choice would be in front of the fire station.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Peoples Academy Hockey Team Coin Drop at the Demars Carriage Barn location contingent upon Business Owners OK. Motion approved(5/0)

3. Private Road Name Request- Nick Donza would like to name his street Catamount Street which is currently located at 677 Elmore street.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Min Cote to approve Private Road Name for Nick Donza of Catamount Street. Motion approved. (5/0)

4. FY 2013-2014-Homestead Municipal Tax Rate for FY 13-14 is .7569 and the Homestead Education Tax Rate is \$1.2840 for a total of \$2.0409 per hundred of assessed value, this is a 0.1226 increase over last year. The Non Residential Municipal Tax Rate is .7569 and the Education Rate is \$1.4363 for a total Non Residential Tax Rate is \$2.1932 per hundred of assessed value this is 0.0367 increase over last year.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve homestead tax rate at \$2.04 and the non-residential tax rate at \$2.19 per one hundred of assessed value. Motion approved. (5/0)

5. Errors & Omissions- adjustments to the grand list[document available for review in the listers office].

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Errors and Omission as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

6. Lamoille Valley Rail Trail Lease- this is a lease for the crossing at the entrance to the Oxbow Park. There is a \$300 documentation fee payable to the State of Vermont and a \$30.00 recording fee payable to the Town of Morristown.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Steve Rae to approve Lease with State of Vermont for the Oxbow Crossing of the Rail Trail and Authorize Dan Lindley Town Administrator to sign. Motion Approved. (5/0)

8. Budget Discussion- Steve Rae asked to have this on the agenda for the upcoming budget preparation. He would like to see the budget held at the 3% cola increase and stress to the department heads the importance of keeping the budget in check. We will have the budget schedule on the website for anyone who is interested in attending those discussions.

9. Review & Approve Retirement Requests- Jack Currier is requesting to retire from the Highway Department as of August 6, 2013 and Eric Dodge is requesting to retire from the Police Department as of October 1, 2013

Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Mickey Smith to accept retirement request from Jack Currier. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote seconded by Mickey Smith to accept Corporal Eric Dodges retirement request. Motion approved (5/0)

IV. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

V. TA REPORT

1. Will be taking the concrete up the second week of September on Maple Street and will take approximately 2 weeks.
2. Will have a joint hearing on September 4, 2013 for Zoning Bylaw changes. Steve Rae mentioned that at the Joint meeting on the 4th the Villages Trustees should be voting on the Village portion of the bylaw changes and the Town would be voting on the Town portion of the bylaw changes.
3. Will also be having a Copley Trust meeting at 5:30Pm for a request for funds.
4. Talked with Donnie Blake and he should have some numbers for the Water & Woods building sometime this week. Also looking into reducing costs by reducing the foot print for the Nepveu building.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Min Cote**
 - o The message board was moved off the residents property on RT, 100. It was entirely on his property.
- **Steve Rae-**
 - o Would like to receive emails with Selectboard information rather than text as he does not get text.
- **Brian Kellogg-**
 - o None
- **Bob Beeman-**
 - o None
- **Mickey Smith-**
 - o None

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 8-5-2013- ***Correction-*** # 2 Paving Bids on the August 5, 2013 minutes should have approximate price of \$225,800 in the motion approving the Bid for ECI.
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve consent agenda with corrections to the 8-5-2013 minutes. Motion approved. (5/0)

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Bob Beeman, Chair will be away for the next couple of weeks but will be available by phone/text. Will be here for the September 4, 2013 meeting.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to adjourn the meeting at 7:30PM.
Motion approved. (5/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 21st day of August 2013 Erica Allen, Clerk

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.