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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2005

Members Present: Shaun Bryer; Chair, Cathy Voyer, Brian Kellogg, Steve Bousquet, Jim Paige

Chair Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Cathy Voyer, the Board moved into Executive Session at 6:02 PM for the purpose of final negotiations and appointment of Town Administrator. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 6:19 PM.

Department Heads: Paul McGinley; TA, Bob Melfy; Highway Superintendent, Mary Ann Wilson; Town Clerk; Chief Richard Keith

Guests: Dave Crawford, John Bauer, Joanne Lawton, Heidi Krantz, Ed Debor, Alicia Morrissette, Brent Tomlinson,

GUESTS

JOANNE LAWTON – *Randolph Road Signage*: Addressed the Board regarding concerns for signage on the turn. Also brought for discussion possibly adding a guard rail to that curve. The Board stated there was no guard rail due to injury of person in vehicle if they were to come in contact with it in an accident. Board asked Paul what the budget had available for the addition of signs. Discussion was held over the budget and Chief Keith stated the speed around that corner should be posted at 20 MPH.

Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Bousquet to authorize the expenditure for signs on Randolph Road. Motion passed unanimously.

HEIDI KRANTZ – *Preserve Americares Resolution*: Heidi stated the need to have the Board sign the Resolution in order to get access to more grant money and have the Designated Downtown become designated as a Preserve America Community. Shaun read the Resolution to the Board (copy attached).

Motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige to adopt the Preserve Americares Resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Heidi also informed the Board that she had a call in to the USDA regarding the Rescue grant and would update them as soon as further information became available.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:
Motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Jim Paige to accept the minutes of August 1, 2005 as presented. Motion passed 3-0 with Cathy Voyer and Jim Paige abstaining.

PERSONNEL POLICY – *Jury Duty*: Discussion was held over changes that could have to be made to the wording on the Personnel Policy regarding Jury Duty.

VLCT POLICY ON ADMINISTRATION OF PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL SYSTEM: Board reviewed the changes made by Dominik Cloud and addressed concerns Paul had regarding wording of this document. Board agreed to discuss at next meeting along with Paul's comments.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING ON SIDEWALKS: Discussion held over complaints regarding vehicles parking across sidewalks.

MORRISTOWN CENTENNIAL CENTER: Board recognized that the name of this project has been a big hit.

LETTER FROM WENDY PARISH – *regarding Big Lots*: Board addressed the letter received concerning recent retail store additions. Board stated that much had been done to push hard and actively try to encourage other businesses to occupy the old Ames space. Public Forums were held as well as various department stores having been contacted directly (Target, Wal-Mart, Peebles, Kohls, etc.). The Board also stated that they did contact the Legislator, and Congressman who assisted in the effort. It was the consensus of the Board to write a responding letter to Ms. Parish. It was agreed that Cathy will assist the Town Administrator in drafting the letter.

NEW BUSINESS:

MARY ANN WILSON – FY06 TAX RATE: Mary Ann presented the FY06 tax rate worksheet, which she explained and detailed to the Board.

Motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige to set the Municipal Tax Rate at .7619, Confirmation of the Education Tax Rate, the Homestead Rate at 2.055 and the Non-Residential Rate at 2.3366. *Discussion was held over concerns with the PILOT and Hold Harmless figures.* ***Motion passed unanimously.***

OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

CLOCK TOWER: Discussion was held over minor repair work done to the Clock Tower and David Lowe would be requesting payment for supplies in completing repair work. Board suggested having David Lowe attend a meeting in the fall to discuss a budget for these repairs for next year.

TOWN CURFEW: The Board asked if the Town had a curfew in effect for teenagers due to noise complaints during the night hours. Chief Keith stated that they did not as it would be against their rights too enforce a curfew. Chief Keith stated that anyone who has a complaint in the night hours should just call the station and they would send a cruiser right over. The Board also stated lack of respect towards Officer's is prevalent.

WELCOME TO MORRISTOWN SIGN: Shaun stated that he has noticed the sign welcoming visitors to Morristown on the Stowe side of Town is in need of repair. Bob Melfy stated he will check the sign and make necessary repairs.

WARRANTS

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board approved the warrants as presented on the memorandum dated August 15, 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board convened as the Local Liquor Control Board. The motion passed 4-0, with Jim Paige voting to abstain.

LIQUOR LICENSES: Rich Williams presented the Board with an application for a liquor license at Tomlinson's store, which he is in the process of purchasing. If and when the sale is complete the license would go into effect, should the sale not go through the license would be void.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board voted to approve the liquor license of Mountain and Sea Management, Inc. (dba: Tomlinson's) for liquor only. The motion passed 4-1, with Jim Paige voting against.

The need for a Tobacco license was mentioned and brought for discussed. The Board advised Mr. Williams to submit the application and be placed on the Agenda for a future meeting.

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg, to adjourn as the Local Liquor Control Board and reconvene as the Select Board. The motion passed unanimously.

BOB MELFY; *Highway Superintendent*: Gave brief update to Board on current projects and Highway Department happenings.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Paul informed the Board they should be careful with regards to budget. He briefed on the status of Woodway Drive being accepted as a Town Road. He also stated that Jersey Heights would like to move forward in being accepted as a Town road, however, he feels that they are not taking the proper steps in order to make that happen. Board stated Bob Melfy should make it clear to those involved in Jersey Heights road project what the requirements are for road acceptance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet, to move into Executive Session at 7:37 PM for the purpose of negotiations with David Crawford for the position of Town Administrator. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Cathy Voyer to move out of Executive Session at 7:58 PM.

Motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Cathy Voyer, to enter into an Employment Agreement with David Crawford, for the position of Town Administrator with a starting annual salary of $59,500.00 and a contractual period of August 15, 2005 through August 15, 2007 with an initial 6 month probationary period. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>OTHER BUSINESS:</u>

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: Board discussed the credentials of David Crawford and welcomed him aboard as the new Town Administrator.

MACC BREAKFAST: Board agreed that Shaun, Brian Kellogg and Steve Bousquet would attend. The Board also stated the Town Administrator should attend as well.

FRANCIS TAGINSKI: Board noted that staff had received an e-mail from Tag Taginski requesting his vacation pay. The Board took no action.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:37 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 17th day of August, 2005.

Lisa Laughlin; *Administrative Assistant*

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Minutes Approved Date