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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2007

Members Present:	Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Dave Yacovone and Todd Yando. Steve Bousquet arrived at 7:15 pm.
Department Heads:	David Crawford, Town Administrator; Chief Richard Keith; and Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.
Guests:	Chris Ransom, Lisa McCormick, Heidi Krantz, Tim Soule, Dave Pelletier, Bill Henchy and Ed Debour.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

- Remove setting Tax Rate from New Business and postpone.
- Remove discussion and action on Employee Records Policy from New Business and postpone.
- Add Tenney Bridge update-discussion to Presentations.

II. GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS

1. ***Lamoille County Planning Commission***- Dave Pellietier came to provide a better understanding of the LCPC services that are provided to the Town. Dave explained what services that are currently being provided. He also said that they serve a lot of Towns in Lamoille County and would better be able to serve the Town of Morristown with the Planner Contract by providing someone to spend 10 hours per week just on our Town. There was concern as to the amount of money that would be spent for these additional services. The contract is written for 10 hours per week for 48 week which equals 480 hours at $45.00 per hour and a maximum annual rate of $21, 600. The Contract is based on an hourly rate, and the Planner may work 10 hours per week or they may work five. The money to support this contract has the potential to come from several places such as; Zoning fees, unused Health Insurance and the money that has already been appropriated for a planner. Bill Henchy discussed his support of the part-time planner contract due to the fact that there is so much work to be done and not enough man hours to complete it. Ed Debour also stated that he thinks it is a good idea and that the Town needs to move in a forward direction but wants to make sure that we are getting what we are paying for. A review of services will be done every few months and it may be terminated at any time. The Board discussed that the Part-time planner contract is a good temporary solution until a planner can be looked at in the Town Budget.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to accept the Part-time Planner Contract with Lamoille County Planning Commission as written and authorize the Town Administrator to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion approved. (4/0)

2. ***MACC-*** Heidi Krantz gave an update on the Town "Welcome" signs. Wording of the signs was discussed as to what should be placed on the signs; the current Welcome to Morristown, Welcome to Morristown and the Village of Morrisville, or Welcome to Morrisville. The Board concurred that we need to keep Welcome to Morristown on the sign, but that adding "and the Village of Morrisville" is a possibility if it will fit on the current size of the sign.
3. ***Tenney Bridge-*** discussion was held around the closure of Tenney Bridge to traffic weighing over 3 tons. Signs have been put in place stating the weight limit restriction. The time frame looks to be 1-3 months, with a possibility of a "Mabey Bridge" being put in place within 3 weeks. Also discussed the speed limit in the area of the Elementary school; once the weight restrictions have been lifted the "truck" traffic will pick up. Do we want to look at reducing the speed limit to 35 and put in flashing lights? Board agreed that we should ask LCPC to research flashing lights.

III. <u>OLD BUSINESS</u>

- NONE

IV. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

1. ***Set 2007/2008 Tax Rate-*** postponed- information not available.

2. ***Ambulance Loan-*** Board agreed to amortize the loan for 2 years.

3. ***Employee Records Policy-*** postponed for further input from the staff

4. ***United Way Request-*** United Way is requesting permission for their annual "Donut Event". Chief Richard Keith gave his input as to the safety of the volunteers, he didn't see a problem, everything went well in prior years and he will be speaking with Dawn Archbold to touch base before the event. Board okayed.

5. ***Backhoe Purchase:*** Three bids were received from John Deere, Case, and Terex. Terex was not an acceptable choice. The Case and the John Deere were tested and the general opinion of Employees who operated the equipment was split. Half like the John Deere and half liked the Case. Two Board members expressed concern over the purchase of a Case due to phone calls they received from employees. Bob said that both pieces of equipment were equal in usability and comfort and they were similar in price; the case was $76,400 and the John Deere was $76,000, whichever one the Selectboard decided on Bob said would be fine. Although Bob and the TA recommended the John Deere for various operating reason

Motion made by Todd Yando seconded by Brain Kellogg to approve the Backhoe purchase from John Deere at $76,000. Motion approved (4/1) Dave Yacovone voted no.

V. <u>SELECTBOARD CONCERNS</u>

Brian Kellogg- None
Dave Yacovone- None
Steve Bousquet- None
Shaun- None
Todd Yando- Had some residents asking about the digging in the Right of Way near Leo Lefevre property, Bob explained that he provided some flagging in exchange for some ditch work that needs to be done to drain water from the road way.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of July 30th 2007 minutes
- Approval and signing of the Town Warrants
- Sign Art Therrien's Retirement Resolution

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

VII. TA REPORT

Town Administrator included reports on the following subjects:

- Dave wants to thank the Listers for a Job well done; only 10 Appeals were received in the Reappraisal process. The Board asked that a resolution of thanks be prepared for the Listers and Consultant.
- Discussion with the individual that using the Geoltz Road as a loading and unloading area is unacceptable. Issue has been resolved by conversation with the Business Owner.
- Sutton Zoning case settlement has been signed.
- DRB Appeals- Pope Meadow & Power Line Installation.
- Jim Pease if preparing catch basin cleaner grant in conjunction with other Towns.
- Town audit will be up for review with the Selectboard at a later date.
- MRS Board and staff are working on revising AA schedule & duties.
- Update on Management Staff Financial study meetings.
- Recreation study Group is making progress. Their second meeting is Wednesday August 15th.
- Erica is doing a good job.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Steve Bousquet to enter Executive Session with Chief Richard Keith and Dave Crawford, Town Administrator for Update on Police Negotiations, Personnel Issues, Appointment of Highway Employee and a legal issue. Motion approved (5/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:50PM. Motion passed unanimously (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this14th day of August, 2007.

Erica Reed; Administrative Assistant

Erica Reed	8/27/07

Minutes Approved	Date