



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 30, 2007

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, and Todd Yando.

Department Heads: David Crawford, Town Administrator; Chief Richard Keith; and Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.

Guests: Chris Ransom, David Ring, Lisa McCormick, Steve Ames, Amy Noyes, Michael Isabelle, Isaac Graham and Ed Debour.

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. **David Ring-** Union Street resident presented a request to post East High Street a one-way street. Mike Isabelle another Union/East High Street Resident also presented a request for a one way street. The issues such as speeding and motorists using this as a bypass to the Rt100 traffic has become dangerous for the residents and their children. The Board expressed their concern as to a one-way street as motorists would just use another street to by-pass the traffic. Chief Richard Keith mentioned that the traffic from Rt. 100 is an issue and made the recommendation to put a "No Right Turn sign" for a trial period to see what the reaction by the public might be. If the sign is received well, then there would be a permanent change to the traffic ordinance. David Ring and Mike Isabelle agreed that this might be a good solution to the problem.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to place a "No Right Turn" sign at the entrance to East High Street. Motion approved 3/0

Discussion was then held as to the penalty if someone was to be caught making a right turn onto East High Street. Chief Richard Keith said that it would be a warning at first then it could be a \$50.00 fee for disobeying a Town Ordinance. There was also discussion on Radar Patrol in the village. The Chief said that they were patrolling as best they could, there have been some shortages recently due to vacation and the department does use radar within the village limits.

2. **River Arts-** Steve Ames presented a request to "rent" the Richmond Street Mobil Home until the River Arts building is complete. River Arts will pay the cost of having the water repaired and will pay the utilities in exchange for rent. They also agreed to relinquish the debt for the lighting in the Tegu building.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to authorize River Arts to use the Richmond Street Mobil Home from August – January with the agreement that they will pay for the water damage repairs and the utilities. Motion approved 3/0

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ken Schramm**- Discussed previous letter sent to him regarding Broadcasting the Selectboard meetings and a request to present in writing to the Board any issues and complaints. In light of recent voice mail messages, Dave Crawford, Town Administrator requested the board direct him to send another letter to him requesting that any and all communication to the Board or the Town Administrator be in writing.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to direct the Town Administrator to send Ken Schramm a letter requesting that we wish to have any and all communication to the Board in writing. Motion approve. 3/0

Discussion was held around Ken Schramms' request for documents from Green Mountain Access TV. Shaun spoke with Dr. Terry Bailey regarding the request and he asked that a copy of the letter that Ken sent be forwarded to him and he would provide the documents that were requested to Ken.

2. **VTRANS**- Dave Crawford, Town Administrator discussed the Rt. 100 South Sidewalk Co-operative Agreement that we received from the VTRANS. The Co-operative Agreement had a scheduled start date of 2009 and stretched to 2014. Dave Crawford, Town Administrator suggested that the Selectboard authorize him to sign the agreement to keep the process moving.

Motion made by Shaun Bryer, seconded by Brian Kellogg to direct the Town Administrator to sign the Co-operative Agreement on behalf of the Board and proceed with engineering bids. Motion approved 3/0

3. **Skateboard Park**- Isaac Graham came to present his idea for a Skateboard park here in Morristown. The Selectboard agreed that there seems to be a need for a park and that it is a good idea, they asked Isaac to come back to the Board with a committee and a more developed plan that would include where funding would come from and information from other Towns that have this type of park. . They also extended an invitation to him for the Recreation Meeting that will be held on August 1st.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Retirement Party for Art Therrian**- It was agreed that we would have a party and resolution for Art Therrian to wish him well in his retirement. It will be held at the Tegu building in the Community Meeting room at a later specified date in August.
2. **Lamoille County Planning Commission (LCPC) Planner Agreement**- There was extensive discussion held around the Contract Agreement for the Planner Position. It was decided to Table the issue and ask Lamoille County Planning Commission to come to a meeting to answer questions regarding the services that they provide now and the additional services that they would provide under the consultant contract.
3. **Jersey Heights**-Discussed Letter of Agreement that the Town Administrator has prepared to send to HA Manosh Corporation in regards to the takeover process of Jersey Heights Road.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to authorize the Town Administrator to send Letter of Agreement to HA Manosh Corporation. Motion approved. 3/0

V. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- Had a complaint from a resident on Goeltz Road. The road is being used for Commercial Business to load and unload their Company trucks. Board suggested they contact the Administrator's Office and ask to be put on a future Agenda.

Shaun- None

Todd Yando- A big Thank-you to the Fire Department for putting on the Firework Show after spending a long night fighting the McKinley House fire. Some of the men were up for 24 hours between the fire and the Fireworks.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of July 16th 2007 minutes
- Approval and signing of the Town Warrants
- Approval and signing of the Letter on the Junkyard Zoning Violation

VII. TA REPORT

Town Administrator included reports on the following subjects

- Jersey Heights I & II
- Downtown Sidewalk Grant Approved
- Circumferential Highway-Truck Route
- Economic Development-State Relinquished the Town from our lease on the Enginehouse
- Vermont Electric Co-op –Patch Rd ROW permit issue resolved.
- Police Negotiations update

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to enter Executive Session with Chief Richard Keith and Dave Crawford, Town Administrator for Discussion of Police Negotiation, a Personal issue and a legal issue. Motion approved (3/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:50PM. Motion passed unanimously (3/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 31st day of July, 2007.

Erica Reed; Administrative Assistant

Minutes Approved

Date