



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF July 26, 2010

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Min Cote, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman, Dave Yacovone (arrived at 6:10PM)

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Carol Bradley, Finance Director and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.

Guests: Sondra Sanborn, David Sanborn, Tina Sweet, Buckwheat Lowe and Dan Dougher, Heather Sargent, Louis Ferries, Fernando Beltran. Henry Tottenham, Dean Salvas.

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

I. Agenda Changes, Announcements & Additions

- None

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Border Patrol-** Officer Fernando Beltran discussed the purpose of the Border patrol, which is to look out for illegal entries, smuggling of people and drugs. They usually work within a 36 mile radius of the border. They are currently working in the Eden/Lowell area. He explained that he has been talking to all the area Selectboards letting them know where they will be conducting check points.
2. **Sale of the Tegu Building-** Louis Ferris who currently owns the Tegu building asked for an Executive Session to discuss real estate.

Motion Made by Min Cote, seconded by Dace Yacovone to enter Executive Session for Real estate at 6:15PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to exit Executive Session and enter Regular Session at 6:50PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. **Copley Parking Lot-** Some community concern over the design of the Pleasant Street/Copley Parking lot. Henry Tottenham was concerned that a tractor trailer would not be able to get into the parking lot if the need should arrive. Louis Ferris was concerned that maintenance would be an issue and we need to keep the space viable for future businesses. Dan explained that we only lost 10 parking spaces, the area would be landscaped with trees & the same lights that are on Copley Street, and there is a new bus stop going in which was paid for by GMTA. The project is funded by a Downtown Transportation Grant in the amount of \$45,000. There was concern that we were putting in a sidewalk on Pleasant Street when we have needed one on Rt. 100 to Bishop Marshall for many years now. This is a separate pot of money from what is already set aside for the Rt.100 side walk. The Rt. 100 sidewalk is in process, the State is currently doing ROW surveys.

4. **FAIRPOINT ROW-** Fairpoint would like permission to put in some new poles in the village area. Mike Day has looked at the plans and approves.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Fairpoint's ROW request. Motion approved. (5/0)

5. **Lease Agreement with Morristown Centennial Library-** the Library is applying for USDA grant funds and one of the formalities of the application process is a lease agreement between the Town and the Library since the Town actually owns the building. The lease agreement is for \$1.00 per year.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve Lease Agreement with the Morristown Centennial Library. Motion approved. (5/0)

6. **Community Visit Program-** Heather Sargent introduced the Vermont Council on Rural Development's Community Development Program connects grassroots community building efforts in towns across Vermont with State-wide resources, expertise and opportunities. The Visit process is designed for community members to prioritize and choose strategic goals and vision for their community and for the state-wide visiting resource team to provide advice and expertise to help them get there. They would like to conduct a Community Visit program for Morristown and are looking for a letter inviting them.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to send letter of invite to the Community Visit Program. Motion approved. (5/0)

7. **Lister Rate of Pay-** Need to set rate of Pay for Julia Compagna. Dan suggested \$10.50 per hour.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve \$10.50 per hour for Lister Julia Compagna. Motion approved. (5/0)

III. OLD BUSINESS

Change Order for Dean Salvas- Dean Salvas is requesting to be paid for an additional \$3280.56. Dean noted that the seeding & mulching was more than he had allowed for in his original budget; therefore the reason for the additional amount in the change order. Cliff Collins from Ruggiano was the Engineer for the project and he could not see the reasoning behind the additional change order request. Cliff did not feel that we owed Salvas anything for the seeding & mulching due to the fact that he thought it was a "mistake" on their part because they actually dug on private property rather than on Town Property and should be responsible for the extra seed & mulch. Cliff made note that the job was well done, and there were no issues with the quality of work. Cliff mentioned that there possibly could have been some discrepancies in the labor portion of what we paid Salvas to do the job, but did not feel that we owed him for additional seed and mulch. The Selectboard suggested Salvas absorb seed and mulch portion and the Board would pay him \$1470 for additional labor.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve Change order request for Salvas Construction in the amount of \$1470.00 . Motion approved (4/1) Min Voted no.

1. **4th of July Fireworks-** If we would like North Star to do the 4th of July Fireworks on the 4th we need to contract with them now to lock in that date. The cost is \$5,000 for the fireworks and setting them off.

Motion made Min Cote, Seconded by Dave Yacovone to approve contracting with Northstar Fireworks for July 4th fireworks celebration. Motion approved. (3/0)

IV. TA REPORT

- Northend Transportation meeting went well with a lot of citizen input. Bill Moulton mentioned the need for a sidewalk on Harrel Street. He thought we should put something on the fall ballot.
- Working on scoping study for Sewer on BED
- Hearthstone is very pleased with the Sewer Extension
- Rockart went to DRB last Thursday
- Water & Light will be looking for the SB approval

V. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Dan Dougher who lives in Mud City was concerned over the highway cutting all the trees down and graveling the roads and ditching and putting culverts in. He felt that the Highway Department shouldn't be on his property cutting his trees. He felt that we had widened the road too much and the ditches were too deep. He said that other residents in the area felt the same way. Bob Melfy said that they talk to property owners when they are going to be cutting trees, digging ditches or putting culverts on their property. Dan Dougher said that no one had talked to him. Bob disagreed. The Selectboard asked Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to meet with the residents in the area and discuss their concerns.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg-Flowers on the other side of the Bridge are gone.

Bob Beeman- Met with David Lowe. Took a tour of the Town Clock. The steeple needs some repairs and David will be looking for someone to take over the maintenance and winding of the clock at some point.

Todd Yando- None

Dave Yacovone- When are we meeting for the Brooklyn Street Property? Meeting warned for 7/27/10.

Min Cote- none

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 07-12-10
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Dave Yacovone to enter Executive Session for Contractual and legal issues at 8:45PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded Min Cote to exit Executive Session at 9:15PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve Contract for 2 years for Dan Lindley as The Town Administrator. Motion approved. (5/0)

IX. ADJOURN

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Dave Yacovone to adjourn the meeting at 9:20PM
Motion approved (5/0).**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 28th day of July, 2010.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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and are approved at the next meeting.**