



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF July 21, 2014

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Chair; Min Cote; Brian Kellogg; Steve Rae and Mickey Smith.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief; Todd Thomas, Health Officer/ Planning Director; Mary Ann Wilson Town Clerk, Treasurer and Carol Bradley, Finance Director

Guests: Peter Anderson, Alan Foss, Pat Persico, Susan Camley, Keith Thompson.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Bob Beeman

I. BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Todd Thomas, Health Officer received the environmental report from Cardno regarding the air quality testing of the former A.R. Foss building located at 2917 Laporte Rd. Their finding was that there was no significant threat to the public. The health concern was remedied by the clean up performed by Robert & Son's Lawn Care. Todd Thomas recommends that the Board of Health close out the hearing.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Min Cote to close the Health Order Hearing.

Discussion: Peter Anderson saw no reason for there to be an open health order and would like the Board of Health to close the hearing and dismiss the health order.

Motion amendment- Motion to close the Board of Health hearing regarding the A.R. Foss property and find no significant threat to public health and dismiss the health order.

Motion carried/ (5/0)

II. AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

1. Add Release of Lien, Appoint Fire Warden, Approve Sole Source Vendor for the Fire Department to New Business.

III. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1. **Motion made Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve minutes of July 7, & July 15, 2014. Motion carried (5/0)**

IV. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. **MAIN STREET PARKING-** Keith Thompson of Thompson's Flour Shop is concerned that he may be losing business in his bakery due to the parking issues caused by the construction at the Arthurs Building. There is supposed to be 2 parking spaces left open for the patrons of the businesses on that end of Town, but the construction crew for one reason or

another has been using all the parking spaces. Dan Lindley has talked with Jim Lovinsky[who was not able to attend the meeting as he is away this week] regarding the issue and Jim said he is working with the contractors. Todd Thomas, Planning Director stated that he has had several conversations with them regarding parking. The Selectboard said they would do what they can to remedy the issue and asked Dan to talk with Jim again and possibly have him come in to discuss with the Selectboard.

2. TRAFFIC ON PARK STREET 15A- Pat Persico who lives on Park St. is concerned about how fast the traffic is moving along that stretch of road. It seems like cars are speeding past his house. Richard Keith Chief of Police stated that they had the speed cart at the location last week and the results are that of the 2171 cars that were counted 1034 were over the speed limit and 1137 were obeying the speed limit. The average speed is 48 miles per hour. The Police department considers 40 - 50 a reasonable speed. Richard stated that they would do more patrol in that area.

3. MORRISTOWN DEVELOPMENT FUND- Susan Camley and her daughter Julie Rodgers had applied for a loan through the MDF to start a new bakeshop in the former Pecks Flower shop building. They were denied the loan which they are ok with, but were displeased with the way that it was handled. They received no personal contact, no interview or opportunity to explain any of the documents they submitted for review. They only received a very curt email from John Mandeville who over sees the loan fund and applications that their application was denied. Bob Beeman who sits on the MDF Board as the Selectboard representative would like to see a protocol followed for every applicant. He feels that the current process is very impersonal and there is no face to face interaction. Susan is not complaining about the denial of her application just the process in which it was handled and wanted the Selectboard to hear her concerns. The Selectboard thanked her for coming.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. APPOINT FIRE WARDEN-Denny Digregorio is up for appointment as the Town Fire Warden. This is a 5 year term.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to appoint Denny Digregorio as the Town Fire Warden for a 5 year Term ending in 2019. Motion carried (5/0)

2. PURCHASE TURN OUT GEAR FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT- The Fire Department would like to purchase turn out gear from the same company as they have in the past to keep all the gear the same. Generally the Selectboard requires 3 bids if the amount is over \$1,000. Brian Kellogg asked the Board if we approve this, could we still go out to bid next time? Board agreed that this was a onetime event and could always go out to bid. There is currently \$9,000 in the budget for the gear.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve purchase of turn out gear from sole source supplier. Motion carried (5/0)

4. FRONT END LOADER PAINT- We received two bids for the repainting of the front end loader. One bid was from Bills Truck Body Shop for \$22,848.00 and one was from Auto saver Body Shop for \$24,123.79 We have \$20,000 in the budget.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve bid from Bill's Truck Body Shop in the amount of \$22, 484.00. Motion Carried. (5/0)

5. APPROVE EVENT AT THE OXBOW- Tricia would like to have an event at the Oxbow and hire a band and have a beer garden. Jack Picket will be in charge of the beer tent and holds the proper licenses. The event would be held August 23 from 5-9 pm. Richard Keith, Chief of Polices sees no issue with the event.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to approve the event and beer tent for August 23, 2014 from 5-9PM. Motion Carried. (5/0)

6. PARK & RIDE GRANT- Todd Thomas would like permission to apply for a park & ride grant through the State of Vermont for the parking area on Richmond Street across from the library. There would be no match needed for the grant.

Motion made by Min Cote, Seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve application for Park & Ride Grant. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Cady's Falls Bridge has been painted.
2. GW Tatro is done on Maple Street and the Highway Department has started the storm drain work. So far everything is going good.
3. The Highway Department has \$10,000 in their budget for crushing stone in the pit, but does not have the time to do it this year and would like to hire a company to do some line clearing on Garfield Rd. Cost would be about \$4500. Selectboard agreed to Hire Northco to do clearing on Garfield Rd., from Rt. 15 to the Hyde Park Town Line.
4. Open house for Mary West retirement August 2, 2014.
5. Scott Johnson's wife passed away last Friday. There is a card floating around.
6. Tom Anderson at VTRANS forgot to include the Town's grant in the Class II paving this time around. He came in to apologize and to promised that we would have the full \$175,000 next year.
7. VTRANS has decided against rumble stripes on Rt. 12.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Min Cote-

- Bridge Street Bridge has some wood railings that are rotted and need replacing
- There are potholes that need addressing especially in the village.

Steve Rae-

- Highway is doing a good job with the conservative grading that have been doing on the back roads.

Brian Kellogg-

- None.

Bob Beeman-

- What is the timeline for RT. 12 construction? Min said they should be paving around the end of August.
- Is the Bypass still on Schedule? Dan said as far as he knows they are still set to open the bypass mid October.

Mickey Smith-

- None

IX. APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Warrants through July 21, 2014. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter executive session for Real Estate regarding purchase of the Tegu Building to include Mary Ann Wilson and Town Administrator, Dan Lindley and Personnel Issues for Emergency Medical Services Department Head Job Description and for Contractual Issues, to include Town Administrator, Dan Lindley. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Mickey Smith to come out of Executive Session and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion Carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM Motion carried (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 22th day of July 2014

Erica Allen, Scribe

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