



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF July 18, 2022
AMENDED BY JUDI ALBERI AUGUST 1, 2022**

MEMBERS: Judy Bickford, Jessica Graham, Brian Kellogg and Don McDowell
Absent: Bob Beeman

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, *Town Administrator*; Judi Alberi, *Administrator's Assistant*; Kevin Barrows, *Highway Superintendent*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Jason Luneau, *Police Chief*; Matt Freidrich, *Foreman*; Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*; Paula Beattie, *Human Resources Director*; Sara Haskins, *Town Clerk/Treasurer*; Tricia Follert*, *Community Development Coordinator*; Bill Mapes, *EMS Chief*

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Steff Hoffman, Derek Graddock, Tom Cloutier, Martin Green, Luke Aupperlee, Kristin Marriott, Julie Pickett, Jessica Dambach, Nancy Pritchard, Duane Sprague, Tom & Christy Snipp, Etienne Hancock, Sharon Rowell, Jason Kelley

**participating via Zoom*

Judy Bickford called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:01PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

- #6 Sexton name is Chris Young
- #7 Appoint agent to convey real estate
- #8 Approve continuation of the sign on bonus Police Department
- #9 Approve Officer Andy Glover patrol pay

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of July 05, 2022. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (4/0).

LIQUOR CONTROL

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Library Presentation by Derek Graddock

Steph Hoffman, Morristown Centennial Library Treasurer, and Derek Graddock from Morgan Stanley attended the Selectboard meeting to assist the board in understanding the endowment related to Morristown Centennial Library. Derek discussed how the available funds are measured, more specifically how they are not measured as total value of the account. Derek updated the board

that the contribution from the endowment must be directly tied to market performance and projections. Steph is pre-planning for the coming years and is continuing to keep the board updated on the financial health of the Library.

2. Accept resignation of Zach Legge, EMS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the resignation of Zach Legge with thanks. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (4/0).

3. Approve release of employment of Jacques Marcoux, PD

Motion made by Don McDowell to release Jacques Marcoux from his duties as a Town employee due to circumstances beyond his control. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg with Thanks. Motion carried (4/0).

4. Discuss & approve bid proposal for a highway truck and plow

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve Lebanon Ford as a sole source vendor for the purchase of the 2022 Ford F250 Super duty truck for a total purchase price of \$36,587.00. This includes a 7 year warranty. Funds to be borrowed for the truck and plow for a 5 year term and Eric Dodge to sign. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the purchase of a plow for the 2022 Ford F250 Super Duty from Stowe Road Auto for a total price of \$8,551.00 and Eric Dodge to sign. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

5. Appoint 2nd member to LCPC Board – Steve Foster (New Applicant)

Steve Foster spoke to the board regarding his desire to be appointed to the LCPC Board. Steve is currently a member of the planning council and if appointed to LCPC he will continue to serve on the planning council as well.

Motion made by Don McDowell to appoint Steve Foster as a representative to the LCPC. Motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Motion carried (4/0).

6. Approve Contract for Sexton – Chris Young

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the contract for Sexton, Chris Young, and authorize Eric Dodge to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0).

Jessica Graham did have some questions around the amount of time Chris would be working each month. Eric Dodge explained that there is no way to predict time needed but feels the spring will be busier. The 8 cemeteries need mapping done to identify lots used, vacant, and available for sale. Dennis Smith, Joie Marshall and Gloria Wing have a very difficult task in front of them regarding the mapping of these cemeteries.

7. Appoint Chris Young, Sexton as an agent to convey real estate for the Morristown cemeteries.

Motion made by Don McDowell to appoint Chris Young as the agent to convey real estate for all 8 Morristown cemeteries. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0).

8. Approve continuation of PD sign on bonus

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the continuation of the Police Department sign on bonus for level 3 officers until June 30, 2023. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0).

9. Approve Officer Andy Glover's Pay

Motion made by Don McDowell that Officer Andy Glover be paid equivalent step level as a patrol officer when out on patrol from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (4/0).

10. Review Planning Council progress of §207 Historic Preservation Zoning

Etienne Hancock, Chair of Planning Council, was present to discuss the changes being proposed of the §207 Historic Preservation section of the Zoning Bylaws. The Selectboard seemed amendable to the draft presented. The Selectboard would like the setback requirements revisited. There were concerns voiced by community guests surrounding the setback requirements, required articulation of new buildings, and the demolition of historic buildings. There will be public hearings in the fall of 2022 regarding the proposed changes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Jess Graham. Motion carried. (4/0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

1. Met with Copley Hospital about future expansion
2. Meeting with Department Heads and staff to do yearly reviews and goal setting.
3. Renovations have begun on the 2nd floor of the Tegu Building.
4. Paula Beattie has been promoted to HR Director. Paula has been working in this line of work for many years. Congrats to Paula from the Selectboard.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy Bickford – Attended workshops about housing and learned that 20% of the housing in Stowe is AIRBNB properties.

Jessica Graham – Received several emails and phone calls the last few weeks from folks that would like to see the Planning Council have a remote view option such as the Selectboard. Todd Thomas and Sara Haskins were present to remind folks that they do not have an assistant that can do minutes and run the remote options. A resident mentioned to Jess that E-bikes on the rail trail are going fast and was concerned. We understand it is the purview of VTrans and not the Town of Morristown.

Don McDowell is meeting with Tina Sweet, Finance Director, on Friday morning for finance 101. Don has a meeting with Ryan Harity to discuss the impact on school systems due to the town's growth and recent housing development. Graham Mink mentioned that he has conducted a recent survey and out of 251 tenants only 17 are children.

Brian Kellogg None

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Several community members attended the Selectboard meeting to express concerns over the condition of Cote Hill Road, the recent housing growth, their desire to have remote options for boards and commissions meetings, and the proposed changes to the zoning bylaws west of Brooklyn Street.

Community member was interested in having the community concerns moved back to the beginning of the Selectboard agenda items and cap it at 30 minutes with 5 minutes per person.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sara Haskins shared that the Primary Election is Tuesday, Aug 9, 2022. The Secretary of State Office will not be mailing all active voters ballots for this election. Ballots are now available and voters must contact the Town Clerk's Office if they wish to receive an early/absentee ballot. If you would like to become a Justice of the Peace and be on the Board of Civil Authority contact Sara.

Motion made by Don McDowell to enter into Executive Session to discuss the appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee subject to T1 V.S.A. § 313 (a)(3). To include the Town Administrator, Eric Dodge, Finance Director, Tina Sweet, Police Chief, Jason Luneau, Paula Beattie, Human Resources Director. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion by Don McDowell to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion by Don McDowell to approve paying Jacques Marcoux 100% of his accrued sick time due to his unique resignation circumstances. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (4/0)

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM
Submitted and filed this July 21, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.