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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 18, 2005

Members Present: Shaun Bryer; Chair, Cathy Voyer, Jim Paige, Brian Kellogg, Steve Bousquet

Department Heads: Paul McGinley; TA, Chief Richard Keith, Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent, Mary Ann Wilson; Town Clerk

Guests: Fred LaTour, Heidi Krantz, Nancy Person, Jenny Hyslop, Amy Noyes, Rita Pitkin, Tim King

Chair Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

GUESTS

TIM KING, JENNY HYSLOP, RITA PITKIN: Came before the Board to request approval to re-submit the application for VCDP. Tim gave a brief general overview of the grant.

Motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige to sign the resolution for the VCDP grant application authority. Motion passed unanimously.

Brief discussion held over how much of the grant would be allocated directly into Morristown. It was stated that 25% of the grant funds would stay directly in Lamoille County.

HEIDI KRANTZ: *Municipal Planning Grant* – Heidi explained to the Board that the head of the grant had informed her they would not be in support of combining the Zoning and Historic District projects, as she had suggested last week. She is now proposing to move forward with just the Historic District grant process first, as that would pose the greatest benefit to the community. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with the plans for this grant.

Heidi also gave a brief overview of the meeting that was held regarding the Alternate Truck Route. She informed the Board that it was intended to open a field office by end of summer/early fall and it was also the hope to hold a public meeting in early fall.

NANCY PERSON: *Discuss Decision of the BCA* – Nancy addressed the Board with regard to the decision made by the BCA concerning her Tax Abatement hearing. The Selectboard advised her that as a body, they have no authority to overturn or change the decisions made by the BCA. Nancy gave an overview of the events that had taken place and a timeline of the abatement application and hearing process. Mary Ann also presented the Board with a timeline of events and correspondence with Nancy. The Board suggested that Nancy write a letter to the BCA requesting another hearing and specifically cite when she would be out of town and not available for such a hearing. Mary Ann will keep the Board apprised of the situation and events that are forthcoming.

OLD BUSINESS

MINUTES:
Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Cathy Voyer to accept the minutes of July 6, 2005 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

INTERSECTION STUDY RESULTS: Board reviewed excerpts taken from the study regarding short term goals and discussed possible changes that could happen this year. Lisa will copy CD for all Board members, as well as Bob Melfy and Chief Keith and others who served on the Study Committee. The Selectboard authorized the Town Administrator and Highway Superintendent to work on the short-term goals of the study.

LIAISON POLICY: Board signed Liaison Policy (attached).

AMBULANCE RATE CHANGES: Paul McGinley presented the Board with a memo listing proposed Ambulance rate increases. The Board reviewed and discussed the changes.

Motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet to accept the Ambulance rate increases effective July 1, 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

Lisa shall put into Administrative book notes to review rates yearly in June/July.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:
Cathy Voyer noted all Board members should read an article in last weeks Stowe Reporter regarding the homelessness issue in Morristown.

Municipal Facilities: Board stated that internal communications must be open and involved with the Town employees, as they are ultimately the ones who have to work in the offices and use the building. The Board informed Mary Ann that she has been appointed to the Design Committee. The Board noted that Municipal Facilities Committee Members will meet on the off Mondays of the Selectboard meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

COMPUTER APPRAISAL SERVICES:
Motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg to sign the agreement for Computer Appraisal Services as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION RE-APPOINTMENTS:
Roy Marble and Fred LaTour were presented to the Board for appointment to the Lamoille County Planning Commission as representatives from Morristown.

Motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Jim Paige to reappoint Fred LaTour and Roy Marble to the Lamoille County Planning Commission for a period of one (1) year. Motion passed unanimously.

CHANGES TO TOWN PAVING PROGRAM: Bob Melfy; Highway Superintendent briefly addressed the Board regarding paving and road repair on Needle Eye Road and Randolph Road. It was mentioned that originally work was scheduled to be done on Needle Eye Road and then it was changed before the start of the season. It has now come back to the forefront and is currently on the top of the list for repair. Bob also updated the Board on the status of other construction projects currently in the works.

PART-TIME EMPLOYEE PAY RATE CHANGES: Discussion was held over pay rate increases for part-time employees. The Board agreed to go with CPI of 3.1% for part-time employees who have been employed prior to July 1, 2005. Further discussion to be held in Executive Session.

WARRANTS
On a motion by Brain Kellogg, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board approved the warrants as presented on the memorandum dated July 18, 2005. Motion passed unanimously.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:
Paul informed the Board that the Brooklyn Street Project is moving along well. Water & Light project of Wabun Avenue sewer line in to Brooklyn Street has also begun. Outlined to Board various meetings and issues that were addressed throughout the past couple of weeks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board moved into Executive Session allowing Paul McGinley; Town Administrator and Bob Melfy; Highway Superintendent to remain at 7:40 PM to discuss personnel issues. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion by Steve Bousquet, seconded by Jim Paige, the Board moved out of Executive Session at 8:42 PM.

Motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Cathy Voyer to increase the pay rate of part-time employees by 3.1% and set the part-time ambulance personnel (temporarily replacing Sandi Utton) at Step 1 of the pay plan. Ambulance Assistants rate to be set at rate of volunteers and Field & Parks Temp/Full-Time employees to be increased by 3.1%. Motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

On a motion by Jim Paige, seconded by Steve Bousquet, the Board adjourned their meeting at 8:46 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 19th day of July, 2005.

Lisa Laughlin; *Administrative Assistant*

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Minutes Approved Date