



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 11, 2011

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Min Cote, and Bob Beeman

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator and Richard Keith, Chief of Police

Guests: Steve Rae, Dana Wilde, Craig Myotte, Wally Reeve, Paul Griswold, Max Paine, Bill Henchy, Ed Debor, John Myer, Reeves Larson, Chris Ransom, and Heather & Richard Sargent.

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

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Add Veterans' Memorial to Community Concerns
- Add Appointments to Rescue Membership- New Business
- Add Trailer Purchase to Old Business
- Add Executive Session for Legal Issues

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- **Veterans Memorial-** Paul Griswold, representative from the Veterans Memorial Committee came before the Selectboard to ask the Town for a loan of \$12,000 to install the stone work for the Veteran's Memorial. The Committee has fundraised over \$30,000 so far and is still conducting their fundraising efforts. They have applied to the Copley Trust for \$28,000. They plan to pay back the \$12,000 to the Town with those funds unless they raise enough through fundraising prior to the Copley Money being issued.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve a short term loan of \$12,000 with 0% interest to the Veterans Memorial Committee. Motion approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Village Trustees/Selectboard & Planning Commission Joint Meeting-RE: SSMA-** The Village Trustees would like to discuss expanding the Sewer Service Market Area to include Demars Rd. They will also meet as a Board to approve the Zoning Changes in the Downtown and to approve the Zoning bylaws as currently written and come back and give recommendations to the Selectboard. Dana Wilde, Village Trustee would like to expand the SSMA to include Demars Rd. The Trustees realize they will need to send a letter to Act 250 to expand the SSMA. The Planning Commission feels they should meet as a Board to discuss expanding the SSMA even though this could be considered an emergency situation. Since they have a quorum this evening they will meet in another room to discuss. Meanwhile the Trustees will meet to discuss the SSMA and the Zoning Bylaws. Both Planning Commission and Village Trustees will come back with a report to the Selectboard.

2. **Police Department Hire-** Richard Keith, Chief of Police would like to hire two Police Officers for the Department. His recommendations are Jay Lamell & Damien Larose. They are not yet certified and will be attending the academy for 16 weeks. They will be paid for their time while at the police academy and their official start date will be August 8, 2011.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Mickey Smith to hire Jay Lamell and Damien Larose as fulltime police officers with a starting pay of \$17.00 per hour. Motion approved. (4/0)

3. **Request from the Manor to Plant Trees on Town Property-** The Manor would like to plant trees in the green space located on Town Property. They are planning to plant some flowering crab trees or something of the like.

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve request to plant trees on Town property between the Rescue Building and the Manor. Motion Approved (4/0)

4. **Morristown Rescue Member Appointments-** Morristown Rescue would like to appoint the following:

Bill Earle - EMT
Casey Lambert - EMT
Dustin Pecor - FRECA
Jennifer Cram - FRECA
Josh Lubitow - FRECA
Kate Latz - EMT
Kristen Lavine - FRECA
Ed Dumas – FRECA/Drivers Training

Motion made by Min Cote seconded by Mickey Smith to approve the members as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

5. **Discuss & Approve Request for Repairs VAST Trails-** Sterling Snow Riders is requesting to do some trail maintenance on the Beaver Mountain trail system. Brian Currier explained the work to be done as repairing and cleaning culverts and ditches and repairing damage from the spring storms. Steve Rae expressed that since we now have Town Forest Recreational Use Policy in force as of the last Selectboard meeting and the Conservation Commission is the over seer of that policy; he would like Brian to come to the Conservation Commission meeting which will be held Thursday Night July 14th at 6:30 to discuss the work to be done. They will then give Dan their seal of approval and he will be in touch with Brian from the Sterling Snow Riders.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Trailer Purchase for Highway Department-** at the last Selectboard meeting the Board made a motion to purchase a compactor and a used trailer from Pete's Repair upon Min's inspection of the trailer. Min has done his inspection and feels that the trailer needs a lot of work to be road worthy. Dan got a price of \$16,750 for a new one and Min thinks it would cost about \$3,000 to fix the used one. A new one will last a lot longer than the used one. Min recommends buying the new trailer versus the used one.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to buy a new trailer from Pete's Repair not to exceed \$16,750. Motion approved. (4/0)

Tree Planting between Rescue Building and the Manor- Heather & Richard Sargent came in to discuss the request to plant trees on Town Property on the Green Space. The Selectboard agreed to let them speak even though they have already made a motion in regards to planting trees. They mentioned that the green space is actually drainage as there is a lot of snow that is dumped there in the winter time from the Manor's parking lot. They asked the Selectboard to reconsider there earlier motion to plant trees in the Manor/Rescue green space.

The Selectboard agreed to rescind their motion

V. TA REPORT

- Thanked Sara Haskins, Julia Compagna and Gary Rushford for a great job organizing the 4th of July Celebration. Everyone did a great job and it went very well. Selectboard also expressed their Thanks to everyone for helping out with the 4th parade and celebration and Thanks to Dan for organizing the Parade.
- Met with FEMA last week. It went well. We will be having another meeting this Friday to go over the locations of the storm damage.
- We received a Structures Grant from the State for the Cadys Falls Bridge in the amount of \$159,264. Depending on when we receive the funds may be able to go out to bid on it late summer for a fall completion. If not, it will be next spring for construction. Selectboard asked if spring construction would interfere with the bypass project and the Tenney Bridge reconstruction. Dan felt that it would only be about a month for the deck reconstruction so if it does interfere it won't be for long.
- We did not receive any Class II paving money.

RECOVENE JOINT SELECBOARD VILLAGE TRUSTEES & PLANNING COMMISSION

VILLAGE TRUSTEES:

1. The Village Trustess voted to adopt the downtown Zoning Changes as well as accept the revised Zoning Bylaws inclusive back to 2004.
2. The Village Trustees would like to ask the Town to accept the Planning Commission appointments as they are currently.
3. They would like to add the Demars Rd. to the SSMA pending the Planning Commission's decision and the letter to Act **250**.

PLANNING COMMISION:

1. Since the inclusion of Demars Rd. to the SSMA will be a change in language of the bylaws the Planning Commission will need to hold a public hearing. They will hold a hearing on August 9th. The Selectboard will need to hold a hearing as well. It can then be adopted.
2. Planning Commission would like to sign the letter to Act 250 and would make a request that the Selectboard sign it as well.
3. In regards to the letter sent to the PC by the Selectboard requesting to include the Green Mountain Arena in the BED zone. The PC does not recommend making this change. They suggested creating a zone that could berRecreational. Ed Debor made a comment that creating

a zone could be spot zoning. The Planning Commission feels that if they include in the BED it would become prime commercial property and a valuable community asset could be lost. Currently the owner of the arena is in a Residential zone and could subdivide as several residential parcels and sell.

4. Todd mentioned that we might be able to get the DRB to agree to some conditional use that would allow for the arena to do some of the activities that they have inquired about, such as golf clinics and massage therapy.
5. The planning commission also addressed the request to include metal siding in the BED. They felt that they were not ready to make that change yet but would consider rewording the condition so that some metal siding could be included. The Selectboard felt that by stating NO metal sided buildings are allowed we are preventing growth and new business from coming to the area. Bill Henchy didn't feel that it was the language of the bylaw but the lack of sewer water and roads that prevent new business from looking to the area for locations.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. **E-Vermont Project List-** Todd Thomas applied and received an E-Vermont grant. Some of the projects that he is working on are wifi in the downtown. Mickey stated that he does not want to give preference to any particular business as there are many businesses that pay for their customers to have free wifi. Some of the other projects included but not limited to improving the Town's website, provide business training, and enhance library services.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- None

Mickey Smith- None

Dave Yacovone- Not Present

Min Cote- None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 06-27-2011
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter Executive Session at 7:20 PM for Legal Issues to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. Motion approved (4/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Mickey Smith to come out of Executive Session and enter Regular Selectboard session. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Mickey Smith to adopt the language from the Necessity Settlement Stipulation hearing as follows for the Bishop Marshall School

Pedestrian Culvert; CCTV. As part of the Project, VTrans will equip the pedestrian culvert (VT 100 STA 7+445.00) with a closed-circuit television ("CCTV") security system that can be monitored at the School, as well as at the Town of Morristown's police station. The Town will provide any required ongoing maintenance for the CCTV security system. The Town shall maintain or cause to be maintained (including but not limited to snow and trash removal, and spring clean-up)

the pedestrian culvert and the sidewalk to be constructed as part of the Project from the School's property line to Historic Route 100.

Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:45PM

Motion approved. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 13th day of July, 2011

Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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