



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JULY 6, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan & Judy Bickford (by phone).

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Paula Beattie, Assistant Finance Director; Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief, Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Road Foreman

Guests: Jason Luneau, Dennis Smith, Lorinda Smith, Cherie Lefevre, Jane Paine, Brent Paine, Beth Springstone, Roger Nichols, Abby Avanon, Joe Hoale, Robbin Towns, Ryan Towns, Dominick Donza.

Bob Beeman called the Meeting to order at 6:00PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. None

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of June 15, 2020

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the minutes of June 15, 2020 with changes [Lamoille Sheriff Contract was seconded by Judy]. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Morristown Cemetery Association-** asked if the driveway at Mtn. View Cemetery could get some signs and have the washout repaired. Would like to discuss the Sexton Contract.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of contractual agreements with the Sexton for the Morristown Cemeteries will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss the town's Contractual agreements with the Sexton for the Morristown Cemetery under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes to include Dan Lindley, Dennis Smith, Lorinda Smith, Jane Paine, Brent Paine, Cherie Lefevre and Sara Haskins. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of executive session at 6:40PM. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Approve Private Road Names-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve private road name application for Dinky Lane & Anderson Lane. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (4/0). Gary abstained.

3. Approve Hiring Nancy Merrill- This is a part-time temporary position.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to hire Nancy Merrill as a temporary part-time administrative assistant to the Police Department working no more than 20 hours per week with no benefits effective immediately at a rate of \$18.52 per hour. Motion Carried. (5/0).

4. Noise Ordinance Waiver- Randi Hall would like to hold a birthday celebration and fundraiser at the Lamoille Fish & Game Club on July 11th. There will be a band playing from 8PM -12(midnight)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve event at Lamoille Fish & Game on July 11th Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. Pope Meadow Sidewalks & Roads– Nick Donza would like the Town to consider taking over the sidewalks and roads in the Pope Meadow Development. We would need to have an onsite hearing to allow for public comment the process takes about 2-3 months.

6. Hearthstone Sewer line-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve agreement with Morrisville Water & Light for the Hearthstone Sewer line with exception of Paragraph 5. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0).

7. Sale of Fire Truck

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve sale of fire truck for \$626 to Jim Grover. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

8. Approve Bid for Paving-

Motion made by Gary Nolan to approve bid for Paving from J. Hutchins in the amount of \$284,999.40. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

9. Vermont Peanut Butter-

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve sale of Vermont Peanut Butter Equipment to MSI for \$205. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Mud City Loop Culvert Replacement Contract-

Motion made by Gary Nolan to approve contract with Dale Percy Inc. for the Mud City Loop Culvert replacement at a cost of \$126, 600 and authorize Dan Lindley to sign. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. Oxbow Music Series- Tricia would like to hold a series of 4 -5 music events at the Oxbow. The event would be limited to 150 people. Guidelines/protocols for attendees would be outlined and recommended such as wearing a mask and social distancing.

Motion made by Gary Nolan to approve Oxbow music series for 4-5 events and limiting to 150 attendees. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. Communication District Resolution- resolution to join the Lamoille Fibernet Communications District. The representatives are Jane Campbell, John Meyer, & Carl Fortune III.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve joining the Lamoille Fibernet Communications District with Jane Campbell, John Meyer & Carl Fortune III as representatives. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan., Motion Carried. (5/0)

4. Face Mask Resolution- Judy discussed with the board a mandatory facemask resolution for Morristown. The majority of the Selectboard did not think that we needed to impose a mandatory facemask resolution for the Town.

VII. WARRANTS

1. Motion made by Eric Dodge, seconded by Brian Kellogg to sign warrants for July 6, 2020. Motion carried. (5/0)

VIII. TA REPORT-

1. Oxbow bathroom construction is starting. There will need to be some tree limbs cut to accommodate for the structure.
2. Still have not heard from the State regarding the ACT 250 permit for the Duhamal Pit.

IX. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy- Nothing

Gary- Brush along roadways is creeping out into the line of site on some roads. Could we get some crosswalk signs on Harrel Street?

Brian- Morristown Cemetery Association has concerns about driveway, washout and signs at the Mountain View Cemetery. Dan said he will have Kevin take care of the washout and we have ordered the signs but are not sure if corrections is making them yet or not.

Eric- None

Bob- None

X. OTHER BUSINESS-

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of Real Estate, purchase or lease options will clearly place the town at a substantial disadvantage by disclosing its negotiation strategy. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter Executive Session to discuss Real Estate, purchase or lease options to include Dan Lindley, Tina Sweet & Paula Beattie under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313(3) (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion was seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter Executive Session to discuss appointment or employment of a public officer[Town Administrator Contract & Police Chief contract] or employee to include Dan Lindley, Tina Sweet & Paula Beattie under the provisions of Title 1 Section 313(3) (a) (3) of the Vermont Statutes. Motion was seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Executive Session at 8:25PM. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve contract with Dan Lindley for Town Administrator. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve letter of understanding with Police Chief Richard Keith. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

XI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 7th day of July, 2020
Erica Allen, Scribe

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