



**SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF July 5, 2022**

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

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, *Town Administrator*; Judi Alberi, *Administrator's Assistant*; Kevin Barrows, *Highway Superintendent*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Jason Luneau, *Police Chief*; Bill Mapes, *EMS Chief*; Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*

PARTICIPANTS: Tom Cloutier, David Ring

**participating via Zoom*

Chair Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:01PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Remove under New Business - Appoint 2nd member to LCPC Board – (Steve Foster – new applicant)

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of June 20, 2022. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (3/0). Judy Bickford abstained and Jessica Graham had not joined the meeting yet.

LIQUOR CONTROL

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Accept resignation letter Panagiotis Kourkoulis
Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the resignation letter from Panagiotis Kourkoulis. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).
2. EMS volunteer- remove Panagiotis Kourkoulis
Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the resignation letter for Morristown EMS from Panagiotis Kourkoulis. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).
3. EMS volunteer – add Todd Bannister

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve adding EMS volunteer Todd Bannister to the roster. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).

4. Discuss ordering an ambulance

Bill Mapes stated that Morristown EMS is on a 5-year replacement schedule for ambulances. A new ambulance will be in the 2023 – 2024 budget year and the ordering needs to take place now to get the ambulance for delivery Feb 2024. Tina Sweet has asked to make sure a clause is in the contract that states we are not obligated to purchase without voter approval.

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the contract with North Eastern Rescue Vehicle, Inc. as a sole source vendor for the purchase of an ambulance in the amount of \$299,466.00 and authorize Eric Dodge to sign the contract. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

5. Appoint TAC member – (Hannah Farda – re-appointment)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Hannah Farda to the Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC). Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).

OLD BUSINESS

None

APPROVE WARRANTS

Brian Kellogg made a motion to approve the warrants. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT from Eric Dodge

- 1.** Eric apologized for missing the resignation letter of Zack Legge. Will bring it back to the Selectboard at the next meeting.
- 2.** Lori Martin was promoted to a full time EMS position.
- 3.** 4th of July parade was spectacular! Eric thanked the highway department for their hard work in setting up, police department did a great job, Peter Guihan awesome as always, setting up the PA system. Eric thanked Tricia Follert for her hard work and dedication. Thanked Judi and her family for jumping in and helping out.
- 4.** Joey Hall proposed to girlfriend Katie Chase
- 5.** Town of Morristown was awarded \$200,000 grant for the Walton Rd Bridge. It is an 80/20 split.
- 6.** Judy Bickford asked Eric if there was an update on the Hutchins Street project that had experienced a fire on Sunday July 3rd. Eric responded that the cause of the fire is not determined yet. There is smoke damage throughout the building.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Judy Bickford nothing to report

Jessica Graham went to the first parking committee meeting and felt it was very productive. Jess communicated to the board that a community member reached out to her to express their

disappointment in not knowing about the planning council meeting regarding the zoning changes to Brooklyn Heights area. Wondering where the meetings are posted? Printed notices around town, newspaper, mailings to abutters, website, & front porch forum. Don McDowell receives an email notice so Todd Thomas could probably add more folks to the list upon request.

Don McDowell Thanks the fire department for their hard work Sunday on Hutchins Street property. Echoes thanks to all for their hard work for 4th of July parade. Thanks to Eric Dodge for his work as well.

Brian Kellogg Thanks to Morristown FD and all other towns that responded. 4th of July was great!

Bob Beeman Ditto - thanks to all.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Tom Cloutier brought concerns to the Selectboard for the increase in housing which he believes will cause the school systems to be over crowded. Don will speak with Ryan Heraty to see if the school has any concerns.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dennis DiGregorio wants to thank Morristown Highway, EMS, Police Department and Hyde Park FD, Stowe FD, Wolcott FD, Elmore FD – They all helped without complaints.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this July 8, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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