



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF June 23, 2014

Members Present: Min Cote, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae and Mickey Smith.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief; and Carol Bradley, Finance Director

Guests: Richard Lowe, A.R. Foss, Peter Anderson, Urban Martin, Robert Audet, Brian Irwin, Warren Miller, Tammy Benjamin, Avram Patt, Christopher Veit, Robert West, Pricilla Boyce, Bruce Paine, Ken Lamb, Agnes Barsellow, Gary Audy, Sharon Rowell, Bob Moore, R.M. Burley, David Hoisington, Gary & MJ Crouse, Ed Loewenton, Michael Fowler, Ken Robie and Senator Richard Westman.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Brian Kellogg

I. BOARD OF HEALTH

1. Continuance for Health Order issued for A.R. Foss on May 15, 2014 where Todd Thomas acting as Health Officer found the property located at 2917 LaPorte Rd, to be a public health hazard. Mr. Foss has since received permits from the state environmental division and has cleaned up the charred remains except for the Quonset hut portion of the building. Mr. Lowe presented a letter from his secretary Linda Mercy who has expressed concern over the smell coming from the remaining building and that she was unable to open the windows to take in fresh air. Mr. Foss would like to continue cleaning up the property to include the Quonset hut. He intends to use the Quonset hut to store his camper and other equipment. Since there is still some ongoing concern regarding smell the Selectboard proposed continuing the hearing for two weeks.

Motion made by Min Cote, Seconded by Mickey Smith to continue health order for two weeks.

Discussion: Mr. Anderson is concerned that Mr. Foss won't be able to continue his cleanup efforts if the Selectboard continues the hearing for another 2 weeks for fear that the Selectboard will make him tear down the building. Mr. Anderson stated that there is only one complaint at the present time and that the other adjoining property owners did not express concerns over any lingering smell due to the Quonset hut. Richard Lowe corrected him stating that there were three neighbors that expressed complaints about the smell. There is no official data to confirm the air quality of that location. Richard Lowe suggested an air quality test, Mr. Anderson did not feel that it was his clients obligation to pay for such a test.

Mickey Smith made a motion, seconded by Min Cote to amend the original motion made by Min Cote to include providing environmental data with regards to the Quonset Hut at the Towns' expense. Motion carried. (4/0)

Original Motion to continue hearing for two weeks, c

arried (4/0)

II. AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

1. Add Itinerant Vendor Permit- Location Change for Tammy Benjamin

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. **INFORMATIONAL HEARING RE: RUMBLE STRIPES ON RT. 12**-Ken Robie & Mike Fowler from Vermont Agency of Transportation came to discuss with the residents of Rt. 12 the pro's and con's of having rumble stripes on Rt. 12(Elmore Street). The State Agency of Transportation has been considering installing Centerline rumble stripes not just on the interstates but two lane highways as well. The agency sees this as a preventative measure to reduce head on collisions, lane drifting due to fatigue or distracted driving, and as a measure to reduce speed and off tracking on curves. Generally these stripes are considered where the pavement is 28 feet or wider, speed is 45mph or greater, the average daily traffic is 1500 vehicles per day or greater and or the crash history indicates a pattern of head-on, sideswipe or single vehicle crashes. In most instances centerline stripes are discontinued in center line breaks such as intersections, closely spaced residences with in 50 ft. of the centerline, raised medians two way left turn lanes, closely spaced commercial drives with high volume turning traffic, narrow bridges or bridges and concrete roadways with less than 2.5" of pavement. Of the 6.6 mile section of road 2.9 miles is proposed to have rumble stripes. This is the section of road that is 50mph from Morrisville to Elmore. General consensus of the public present who live along that stretch of road is that they are not in favor the rumbles stripes. Their greatest concern was the noise they would permit. It seemed like it was a given that they would be installed no matter how the residents felt. They asked the Selectboard what they could do to help. The Selectboard said they would do what they could and would write a letter to the Agency of Transportation. Brian Kellogg also suggested that the resident talk with Senator Westman to ask his opinion on what options were open to them.

2. **ITINERANT VENDOR PERMIT APPLICATION**- Bertram Grant would like a permit to sell food within the village. He has been set up either in front of the Town Offices or in front of Caplans. His hours of operation intend to be Monday- Sunday 4pm-1am and Saturday 7am-2pm. The Selectboard would like to have him park his food cart in the municipal parking lot near Caplans. Bertram was fine with that. Tammy Benjamin would like to change the location of her permit and set up near Bertram. The Selectboard was fine with that. Richard Keith, Chief of Police asked that they not set up in any of the handicapped spaces. Permits will expire on November 15, 2014.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Itinerant Vendor Permit for Bertram Grant and location changes to Tammy Benjamin's Permit.

Motion carried. (4/0)

4. **DESIGNATE POSTING LOCATION FOR AGENDA**- To keep in compliance with the Open Meeting Law the Selectboard needs to designate two or more locations for posting their agenda. Currently we post at the Post Office , the Town Offices and on the Website.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Steve Rae to designate the Post Office, the Town Offices, the Library and the Website. Motion carried. (4/0)

5. REQUEST FOR BEER TENT AT ROCKTOBERFEST - Tricia Follert, Community Coordinator would like permission for the Rotary to set up a beer tent at Rocktoberfest again this year.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Beer Tent for Rocktoberfest. Motion carried. (4/0)

6. APPOINT NEW MEMBERS TO RESCUE DEPARTMENT- We have two members that would like to be appointed to the rescue squad. Colleen Ward and Corinne Lemaire.

Motion made by Min Cote, Seconded by Mickey Smith to appoint Colleen Ward and Corinne Lemaire to the Morristown Rescue Squad. Motion Carried. (4/0)

7. APPOINT TOWN REPRESENTATIVES TO THE REGIONAL LAMOILLE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION BOARD- Tricia Follert would like to be reappointed to the board and Kevin Kelly is interested in serving on the Board as Ron Stancliff does not want to be reappointed. Terms are for one year and begin on July 1, 2014.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Steve Rae to appoint Tricia Follert and Kevin Kelly to the Lamoille Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried. (4/0)

8. APPROVE EXCAVATOR RENTAL FOR MAPLE STREET PROJECT- We received three bids for an Excavator and Operator for the storm water work on Maple Street. Bid was to be a price per day. Frank Machia was \$115 per hour, Gw Tatro was \$1200 per day for Cat 325 and \$920 per day for a Cat 320 and Jerry Audy bid \$600 per day for a 210 Volvo. Fuel was to be furnished by the town.

Motion made by Min Cote seconded by Mickey Smith to accept bid from Jerry Audy for Excavator and Operator for the Storm water project for Maple Street. Motion carried. (4/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVE AND SIGN LICENSES FOR STATE RENTAL LICENSE- We have finally received the License(Rental Agreement) from the State for Rental of the Public Safety Building for the current period January 2013-December 2014 and for the renewal period January 2015 through December 2017.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Min Cote to approve License agreements and authorize Dan to sign. Motion carried (4/0)

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

1. None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Maple Street is coming along nicely. They are about a month ahead of schedule. GW Tatro should be done mid July. We should be able to start the storm water project mid

July. Should be able to get 2 inches of asphalt down this fall. Due to timing it looks like the granite curbing will have to wait until spring. Once that is in we should be able to put the final coat of Asphalt down.

2. First Music Series in the new pavilion went well. Lot of positive feedback.
3. 4th of July- activities planned throughout the day with parade starting at 11am.
4. Will be meeting with Louis next week to go over details regarding the Purchase and Sale agreement.
5. Looks like AT&T is going to propose some kinds of mitigation for the sewer protection area for the Cady's Falls Water Co-op.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Min Cote- Would like Dan to send a letter to VTRANS regarding the rumble stripes.

Steve Rae-

- Lots of feedback on the Congress Street Stop Signs, mostly complaints of speeding and line of site issues. Richard Keith, Chief of Police said that they were patrolling the area last week. There were 22 stops and mostly of people not stopping at the stop sign.

Brian Kellogg- Where are we at with crosswalks? Mike has guys out on vacation at the present moment and there is not enough to cover traffic control, but it is on his to do list as soon as he has full staff.

Bob Beeman- not present

Mickey Smith- There is a culvert at the bottom of Washington Highway near Randolph Rd. that needs some attention. There seems to be some sinking of the road.

Motion made by Min Cote to enter executive session for Personnel for Claim filed by former rescue employee regarding damage to vehicle. and Contractual Issues regarding a Contract between the Town & Village with respect to services provided by The Town Administrator and the Town Planner. to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. Motion carried (4/0)

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM
Motion carried (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 24th day of June 2014

Erica Allen, Scribe

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