



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF June 6, 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*; Todd Thomas*, *Planning Director*; Kevin Barrows, *Highway Superintendent*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Garth Christensen, *Sargent PD*, Bill Mapes, *EMS Chief*; Sara Haskins, *Town Clerk/Treasurer*, Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*, Jason Kelley, *Fire Department 2nd Asst. Chief*, Tricia Follert*, *Community Development Director*

PARTICIPANTS: Tom Cloutier, Laura Streets*, John Meyer

**participating via Zoom*

Chair Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

Sara Haskins shared that the Primary Election is Tuesday, Aug 9, 2022. The Secretary of State Office will not be mailing all active voters ballots for this election. Ballots will be available on June 24, 2022 and voters must contact the Town Clerk's Office if they wish to receive an early/absentee ballot.

Sara attended the recent International Institute of Municipal Clerk Annual Conference where she was recognized on the national stage for receiving her Athenian Leadership Society Fellowship.

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of May 16, 2022. Motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Motion carried (5/0). Don McDowell asked to make corrections to Brian Kellogg and Don McDowell names in Agenda item 5 and 6 motion.

LIQUOR CONTROL

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review & sign Rules of Procedure for Jointly Appointed Subordinate Boards
Motion made by Jessica Graham to accept Rules of Procedure for Jointly Appointed Subordinate Boards. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).
2. Review & adopt Sidewalk Policy
Eric Dodge reviewed the changes to the sidewalk policy to allow some sidewalks to be

pavement instead of concrete. Bob Beeman talked about wear and tear and cost difference. The Selectboard has requested a price on concrete vs pavement

Don McDowell made motion to adopt the Sidewalk Policy. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Jess Graham has concerns over the determination of which sidewalks would be concrete and which ones would be pavement. Judy Bickford agrees, we need to be determine which sidewalks need to be concrete or pavement. After more discussion, Don McDowell and Judy Bickford withdrawn their motion.

3. Appointment of John Meyer to Planning Council

John Meyer attended the meeting and spoke of his desire to serve on the Planning Council.

Brian Kellogg made a motion to appoint John Meyer to the Planning Council. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Jessica Graham clarified that John Meyer would be able to be unbiased in decision making. Motion carried. (4/0). Don McDowell abstained.

4. Appointment of parking committee members

Todd Thomas will be the staff sitting on the committee. Jessica Graham will be on the committee from the Selectboard. 3 letters of interest were received by the following: Graham Mink, Elizabeth Casparian, and Joshua Goldstein.

Jessica Graham made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Casparian, Graham Mink, Joshua Goldstein, and Jessica Graham. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Further discussion by Brian Kellogg regarding the size of the committee and the time frame. Motion carried. (5/0)

5. Review bids for sidewalk work

Received two verbal bids and only one written bid. The written bid was from James Bradley, Inc. who has done good work for the town previously.

Judy Bickford made a motion to accept the bid for sidewalk work by James Bradley at a cost of \$26,000. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Further discussion from Brian Kellogg on the location of the sidewalk. Kevin explained the area by the Fire Department, Court Street, Maple Street area. Motion carried. (5/0)

6. Accept resignation of John St. Amour – Animal Control Officer

Don McDowell made a motion to accept the resignation of John St. Amour. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion Carried. (5/0)

7. Accept resignation of Jennifer Lucier (Cram) – EMS Volunteer.

Judy Bickford made a motion to accept resignation of Jennifer Lucier (Cram) with regrets and a thank you. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion Carried. (5/0)

8. Sign contract for Lamoille County Sheriff's Department

Brian Kellogg made a motion to accept and sign the contract for Lamoille County Sheriff's Department in the amount of \$135,573.00. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)

9. Write-off Ambulance calls

Judy Bickford made a motion that the town write off \$22,214.87 of the outstanding calls for fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

10. Discuss Rail Trail Art resolution

Jessica Graham made a motion to accept the Rail Trail Art resolution to support the installation of artwork on the walking bridge in downtown Morrisville and authorize Bob Beeman to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion Carried. (5/0)

11. Discuss engagement letter from James Barlow, PLC

Judy Bickford made a motion to sign the agreement of the engagement letter from James Barlow, PLC and authorize Bob Beeman to sign on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Discussion from Don McDowell on the advice we received from VLTC. Motion Carried. (5/0)

12. Discuss & sign Municipal Road Grant Program

Eric Dodge explained the grant program and how Morristown has used the money in the past. *Judy Bickford made a motion to accept and authorize Bob Beeman to sign the letter to participate in the SFY23 Municipal Road Grant Program in the amount of \$42,000. Motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Motion carried. (5/0)*

OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss noise ordinance

Eric Dodge provided the Selectboard with a draft noise ordinance for the members to review. Will continue discussion on June 20, 2022.

APPROVE WARRANTS

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT from Eric Dodge

1. Eric went to the conference recently and after hearing from other towns, Eric recognized how proud and thankful he is of the entire town staff.
2. Eric has volunteered to serve on the Law Enforcement policy committee for VLCT.
3. Eric has also participated in the training for cannabis and will make video available for members of the Selectboard.
4. Tyler Mumley to do the engineering on the Beaver Meadow parking lot project.
5. Eric met with cemetery associations and will be meeting with a potential candidate for the Sexton position this week. He is a retired funeral director and past president of State of VT Funeral Directors Association.
6. We have been chosen for funding (unsure of the amount) by the Agency of Transportation for the Walton Rd Bridge work.
7. Jersey way project, meeting with Howard Manosh Tuesday.
8. Emergency management - Green River Reservoir Dam
9. Visiting the community center on Union Street this week. Stuart May will show the improvements.
10. Anna McCormick, new Recreation Coordinator, hit the ground running and is doing great.
11. Highway Department busy on the Walton Rd project, cutting back brush and cleaning ditches out.
12. Rescue Squad had a very busy month in May.
13. Everyone in the Town building are working hard and are very busy.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Don McDowell did his civic duty and showed up for jury duty and was dismissed. Don drove down Campbell Rd (as did others) to check on the condition on the road. The road looks good to his eyes. Attended an online housing summit last week. 500 applications and only 7 or 8 turnovers in this county. Thanks highway crew for the clean up on his road due to a dropped branch. Impressed by all the help that showed up to clear the road. Continually impressed by the staff of this town.

Judy Bickford thanked AA for putting page numbers on the agenda as it is very helpful. Lamoille County needs 5800 homes by 2025. At the housing summing she learned that housing cost have rose by 46% in the last 2 years. Transportation is also a huge issue. There needs to be some work done at the state level to ease the burden of housing.

Jessica Graham wants to talk about the order of the community concerns on the agenda.

Brian Kellogg echoes others on how great the town staff folks are. Volunteering is such a great thing to do in any town.

Bob Beeman gave a personal shout out to Todd Thomas. Todd is doing great and is a “nugget” for this town.

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Laura Streets via Zoom called in to talk to the board regarding Campbell Rd. Bob and Kevin will meet Laura to visit the properties on Campbell Rd.

Eric Dodge discussed why the community concerns were moved to the later part of the agenda. Business needs to be done first while the board is fresh. All are willing to try the community concerns at the end of the agenda and give community folks a 3-minute time stipulation for bringing concerns to the Selectboard.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.
Submitted and filed this June 10, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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