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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JUNE 2, 2008

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Joyce Lanpher, Rescue Operations Manager; Charlie McArthur, Head Lister; Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator; Richard Keith, Interim TA, and Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.

Guests: Tina Sweet, Lisa McCormick, Lawrence Earle, Deanna French, Michelle Boomhower, Joanie Newton, Eileen Toomey, Roxanne Manning, Robyn Desrochers.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer Chair.

I. AGENDA CHANGES ADDITIONS

- **None**

II. GUEST PRESENTATION

1. ***First Night Presentation-*** Deanna French and Lawrence Earle are organizing a First Night- Last Night event for New Years Eve. The event would begin at 6PM and end at 12:00AM. Events and Performances that would center on the Village might include Pianist Cody Michaels, the Bell Choir, a record hop, a battle of the bands and several other performances. Also several outdoor events such as Ice Skating, a possible Toboggan Chute and a ball drop at midnight. The Selectboard thought that it would be a great event to keep business local. As the event draws closer, the First Night-Last Night will keep the Board informed.
2. ***Lamoille Valley Rail Trail-*** Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator, gave the Selectboard an update on the progress of the Rail Trail Committee. VAST hired engineer Alan Robertson to look at all 93 miles of the trail to see where and what repairs are needed. They are also looking for comments from each Town along the trail as to where trail heads might be located and what each Town could donate to the construction of them. Heidi will continue to work with the Rail Trail Committee in conjunction with Steve Rae and the Conservation Commission/Trail Committee.
3. ***Down Town Traffic Study-***Heidi Krantz- Public Meeting to be held June 11. She would like members of the SB to attend.
4. ***Morristown Recreation Council/ Recreation Commission-*** Board discussed with Morristown Recreation Council members, Joanie Newton, Eileen Toomey, Robyn Desrochers, and Roxanne Manning the possibility of combining the council with the newly formed Recreation Commission. Since the Bylaws are very broad in the their outline of recreation responsibilities the Recreation Commission could concentrate on scheduling of events and also more opportunity for the community as a whole and the Council could still concentrate on the summer program.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Police Department Painting Bids-*** received bids for painting the interior and also the Garage of the Police Department. Richard, Chief of Police said that the budget would

only allow for the painting of the interior and not the garage. Chief's recommendation was Tim Martin for $3360.00

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to accept the painting bid from Tim Martin not to exceed $3360.00. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. ***Maple Street Speed Limit Signs-*** received a request and petitions from residents on Maple Street for 25 mile an hour speed limit signs. Richard Keith, Chief of Police said that five signs would need to be placed. Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent thought we might have some in stock, but not five. Richard thought we could safely place three signs until after July 1, 2008 and then would be able to order more.
3. ***Lower Bridge Street Lighting-*** Mary Ann would like to see some lighting on Lower Bridge Street for walkers going to LARC. She has talked with Water & Light and for a cost of $1500 they could install the lighting and the extra annual cost to the Town would be $100.00. Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent thought this was a good idea, but maybe a little pre mature since the side walk ends at North River Street and there is no way for the public to get across the bridge safely. Board thought it was a great idea and maybe the lighting would help the safety issue and we could look into painting in a sidewalk or putting up barriers. The Board also was concerned about where the $1500 would come from; Bob Beeman suggested soliciting local business for donations. Mary Ann will work on this and report back to the Board.
4. ***RFP Tax Anticipation Bids-*** Mary Ann had some of the information needed from local banks. She is still waiting on some additional information needed to correctly calculate the Towns cost to borrow money.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. ***Lamoille County Planning Commission Planner Services Contract-*** Michele Boomhower brought an updated contract for the Board to discuss and approve. Major change is the increase in rate from $45.00 per hour to $50.00 per hour. The contract will still cap out at $21,600.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter agreement with Lamoille County Planning Commission for Planner Services not to exceed $21,600. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. ***Department Head/Board Liaisons-*** Discussed Liaison procedure, in the case of a department/employee personnel issue the procedure would be for the employee to discuss with department head, then if the issue could not be resolved then it would be discussed with the Town Administrator, if at that point it could not be solved then it would be discussed with the Selectboard. The Selectboard discussed the importance and agreed that Liaisons were important in keeping communication open with staff, but policy and procedure should be followed. Liaisons for upcoming year are as follows:
    - Shaun Bryer- General Government
    - Brian Kellogg- Fire Department
    - Bob Beeman – Police Department
    - Todd Yando- Highway Department
    - Dave Yacovone- Rescue Department

RECESS

Shaun Bryer called for a five minutes recess

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to recess meeting for five minutes @ 7:55PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Shaun Bryer called meeting back to order at 8:00PM

V. SELECTBOARD CONCERN

- **Dave Yacovone-** N/A
- **Brian Kellogg-** N/A
- **Shaun Bryer-** N/A
- **Bob Beeman-** TA Interviews? Will be away from June 16- 23, 2008. Interviews on June 30, 2008?
- **Todd Yando-** N/A

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
- Approve & Sign Warrants
- Approve & Sign ROW for Fairpoint Communications

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Todd Yando to approve Consent Agenda, motion approved. (5/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS contin.

3. ***Employee Wage Discussion-*** Several Employees asked for an Executive Session to discuss employee wages, according the Open Meeting Law this is not a subject that merits an Executive Session. If the Board was to discuss with each individual employee their performance that may have an impact on their wages this would be admissible for an Executive Session under the subject of Employee Evaluation. The group stated that they would like an Executive Session for Personnel issues. The Board made them aware that no wages would be able to be discussed in Executive Session and any decisions that may need to be made would be made in open session.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter Executive Session at 8:13PM with Richard Keith, Interim TA, Joyce Lanpher, Rescue Operational Coordinator, Charlie McArthur, Head Lister, Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasures, and Cathy Killian, Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer to discuss Personnel Issues Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to exit Executive Session at 9:25PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS cont.

4. ***Discussed employee's wages. Also discussed upgrading Rescue Operational Coordinator Job decription. Dave Yacovone will look into this. Bob Beeman will look into wages and send his thoughts and comments to the Board since he will not be at the next meeting.***
5. ***Joyce will discuss rescue issues with Richard, Interim TA.***

VII. TA REPORT

- Attended TAC meeting, they have added the Bridge Street Bridge as their #1 priority. Johnson Bridge is #2 on the list.
- Operation Smooth Ride Paving will begin starting with Rt. 12
- Ed Stanack from Act 250 Pit- needs to go through process of "Significant Change" for act 250. MSHA report has not been received as of yet.
- Sandy Neely of CVCAC will be coming to the Board with a proposal for leasing the Genesis Elder Care.

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando, the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:45PM. Motion passed unanimously 5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 3rd day of June 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.