



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF May 27, 2014

Members Present: Bob Beeman (Chair), Min Cote, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae and Mickey Smith(arrived at 6:30PM)

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; and Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Rhoda Bedell, Leon Whitcomb, Brian Audet,

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 PM on site (Green Mtn. Distillers) by Bob Beeman for Board of Health Hearing. Hearing adjourned at 5:30PM and reconvened at 6:00PM in the Community Meeting Room in the Tegu Building for Regular Selectboard Hearing.

I. BOARD OF HEALTH

With residents Richard "Buckwheat" Lowe, Tim Danahy, Howie Faircloth, Steve Holder, Health Officer Todd Thomas and property owner Allen Foss present, the Selectboard, acting as the Board of Health, opened its meeting regarding a potential health hazard 2917 LaPorte Road. Health Officer Thomas said that he warned this hearing in response to neighbor complaints about potential health issues in the form of respiratory ailments from the molding and charred remains of Mr. Foss' building that was consumed by fire at 2917 LaPorte Road in February. Adjacent property owner Lowe said that he and his employees were unable to open their windows and enjoy the warmer weather due to the strong moldy smell emanating from Mr. Foss' property. He added that his secretary was becoming sick and coughing often due to the smell. Adjacent property owner Howie Faircloth said that the smell of Mr. Foss' molding charred wood bothered him at times when he was working on his under construction distillery building. Mr. Foss said that he was working towards cleaning up the property, but his work had been stopped last week due to a lack of permits for asbestos remediation from the State Department of Health and the Environmental Protection Agency. Health Officer Thomas said that Mr. Foss did not want to raze the Quonset hut portion of the building. Mr. Holder and Mr. Lowe said the same mold smell would emanate from the Quonset hut if it was allowed to remain and that this section of the building should be removed with the rest of the fire debris. Mr. Foss said that he believed he could save this portion of the building. After brief discussion, the Selectboard decided to continue this Board of Health hearing for 30 days to allow the asbestos permit issues to be cleared up and to see if health concerns persisted from the Quonset hut once the rest of the debris were removed from the property. A motion was made and unanimously adopted to continue this hearing at 6 PM in the town offices on 23 June.

II. AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS

1. Add Tax Anticipation Note to New Business
2. Add Billings Scholarship Award to New Business

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. REQUEST FOR BLOCK PARTY- Jim Casey of 10 Railroad(Restaurant) would like to hold a Block party on August 2, 2014 from 6-10PM. They plan to have live music and a beer tent. Music would run from 7-10PM. Beer tent would be roped off and would comply with all DLC Regulations[outside consumption permit, bathrooms etc.] They would like to block off lower portion of Pleasant Street and Railroad Street.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Block Party for 10 Railroad Street on August 2, 2014 from 6-10Pm. Motion carried. (4/0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. TAX ANTICIPATION BIDS- Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk and Treasurer sent out bids for the Tax Anticipation note for FY 2014-2015- She received 3 bids and 1 incomplete bid from the Merchants Bank. Full bids were received from Union Bank at 1.84%, Peoples United at 1.55% and Community National at 2.5%. Union Bank had the biggest return on interest at \$6,058, Community National was \$2121 and Peoples United would cost the Town \$2613 in interest. Mary Ann's recommendation is to go with Union Bank.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to accept bid from Union Bank for the FY 14-15 Tax Anticipation Note. Motion Carried. (4/0)

2. BILLINGS SCHOLARSHIP- This year there is one application Katie Fish a Peoples Academy Student who plans to attend St. Michaels College for Environmental Science in the fall of 2014. In the past the Selectboard has given \$500 per applicant. Discussed the possibility of awarding additional monies if applicants were still in the program in their second, third, fourth years of college etc if they wanted to reapply for funds. Mary Ann stated that the Board would need to change their policy and normally a scholarship is a one shot deal.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to award \$500 Scholarship to Katie Fish. Motion carried (4/0) Mickey Abstained.

3. CADY'S FALLS WATER CO-OP- AT&T is planning to erect a Cell Tower in the vicinity of the Cady's Falls Water Co-Op's springs located at 415 Cady's Falls Rd. Brian Audet representative of the Cady's Falls Water Co-Op is concerned that drilling to install the tower would interfere with the springs that feed the water supply. Todd Thomas has written a letter on behalf of the Selectboard asking the Public Service Board to ensure the continued availability of safe and clean drinking water for the Cady's Fall Neighborhood. The future plan is to hook the water co-op onto the village water & sewer. Currently they are about \$274,884 short of being able to construct the 1200 linear foot line. The Selectboard is asking the Public Service Board to require AT&T to escrow the \$274,884 to cover the remaining cost of the waterline.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to approve and sign letter in support of the Cady's Falls Water Co-Op. Motion carried. (5/0)

4. FIREWORKS REQUEST- Lamoille Area Cancer network would like to have their annual fireworks display. on June 21, 2014 starting at 10PM. Fire Chief and Police Chief have signed the permit and are ok with the display. Display will be performed by Northern Star Fireworks.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Min Cote to approve Fireworks Permit for the Lamoille Are Cancer Network for June 21, 2014 at 10PM. . Motion carried (5/0)

5. 4TH OF JULY EVENTS- Dan Lindley, Town administrator would like to a appoint the Fire Department Auxiliary to coordinate the 4th of July Events.

Motion made by Min Cote, Seconded by Brian Kellogg, to appoint the Fire Department Auxiliary as the 4th July Coordinator. Motion carried. (5/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. APPROVE ZONING BYLAW CHANGES- The Selectboard held their required hearing for the changes that the Planning Commission has made to the Zoning Bylaws at their regular meeting on May 12, 2014.

Motion made by Min Core, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve changes to the Zoning Bylaws as presented. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. APPOINT NEW DRB MEMBER- Min and Mickey met with the Village Trustees to interview candidate Jon Gloss. Both boards felt he was a good fit for the Development Review Board.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to appoint Jon Gloss as new DRB Member to fill the remainder of Ron Stancliff's term . Motion carried. (5/0)

VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

VII. TA REPORT

1. Maple Street is still on track looking to be about 2 weeks ahead of schedule.
2. Pavilion at the Oxbow is on target and looks great. Very well built.
3. Park St. sidewalk should start late this week early next week.
4. Tree fell over in the Riverside Cemetery knocked over a few stones but no significant damage. Highway going to work with W&L to clean up tree and take down the other one.
5. Rail trail should be starting soon. Highway Crew will be getting the sand ready for the project as promised.

VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Min Cote- Water damage at the Oxbow. Dan said Kim Komer has some trees left over from their annual tree sale and will be planting them down at the Oxbow to help with the erosion.

Steve Rae-

- Where are we at with the Town office building? Dan said Louis Ferris has everything and has sent it to his accountant. Waiting to hear back from Louis. Should still be on track for the August primary.

Brian Kellogg-Cross walks look nice.

Bob Beeman- Traffic pattern change on Congress seems to be working well. Richard Keith, Chief of Police said there have been no issues and no complaints

Mickey Smith- Hidden Drive sign on Garfield Road? Dan said he will remind Roland again about it.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion carried (5/0)

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourned the meeting at 7:10 PM
Motion carried (5/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 28th day of May, 2014

Erica Allen, Scribe

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