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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF May 17, 2010

Members Present:	Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Min Cote, Bob Beeman, and Dave Yacovone.
Department Heads:	Dan Lindley, TA; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator; and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer.
Guests:	Sandra Sanborn, Doug Small, Steve Rae, Raymond Toolan, Leon Whitcomb, Rhoda Bedell, Matt Audi, and Heath Perras.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

I. Agenda Changes, Announcements & Additions

1. None

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Cady Falls Bridge Weight Restriction-** Matt Audi a local contractor questioned the Selectboard on why agriculture was able to use Cady Fall's bridge and no one else was able to. Min Cote, explained the reason for closing the Bridge was to prolong the life of the Bridge and they are allowing agriculture to use the bridge to avoid having manure spreaders and other farm equipment go through town. Min also stated that 71 overweight permits were handed out this year and a majority of those are for fleets and if all those trucks were to use the Bridge then it could cause the Bridge to be closed indefinitely and everyone would have to go around. Heath Perras felt that if it was going to be closed to trucks than it should be closed to all trucks including agriculture. The Selectboard thanked Matt & Heath for expressing their concerns but agreed to stay with their original decision to post at 20,000 pounds and to exempt agriculture, highway, rescue, fire and school buses.
2. **Town Forest-**Doug Small, Ray Toolan & Steve Ray came to discuss the Town Forest Management Plan and the need for it to be updated. Ray Toolan is the county forester and said that by state statue he is required to do inventory in the forest and to develop a Management plan if the Town so chooses to ask him to do so. Bob Beeman, and Steve Rae will work out a date with Ray to visit the Forest.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to authorize Ray Toolan to do an inventory and develop forest management plan. Motion approved (5/0)

3. **Request to use Town Property-**
    - Pastor Ethan and the Grace Brethren Church has requested to use the area where the Town ice rink is to set up a tent July 25-28 for the purpose of providing puppet shows, singing, band concerts speaking and possibly providing food to their congregation and the public. They would like to be able to use a sound amplifier at least for the puppet shows if not for the speaking. The Selectboard explained that another individual asked to be able to use a sound amplifier to preach sermons on the sidewalk and they denied that individual. Pastor Ethan stated that if he could use just for puppet shows that would be ok.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve request from Grace Brethren Church to use Town Property but to limit sound amplification to the puppet show only.

- **Request to use Pleasant Street Parking lot-** Rebecca Kraemer is requesting to use the parking lot on August 14th for a wellness Festival which would coincide with the route 15 festival. The details weren't clear to the Selectboard, so they decided to table this discussion and Dan will get more information.

4. **Trash & Fuel Bids-**
   - **Trash Bids-** Casella was the only bidder on the trash removal for the Town. We have budgeted $5115.00 and Casella's bid came in at $3190.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve bid from Casella for trash removal for FY2010. Motion approved. (5/0)

   - **Fuel Bids**- Two bids received one from Ted's Gas and one from Bournes'
     - Teds came in at $1.69 for gas. They do not do fuel oil.
     - Bournes' came in at $2.779 for fuel and $1.715 for gas.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Dave Yacovone to accept bid from Teds Gas for our gas and to accept bid from Bournes' for our fuel oil. Motion did not pass (1/4)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to reject bids, ask Dan to reformulate and to coordinate with the school and resend bids. Motion approved (5/0)

5. **Town Office Purchase & Construction-** USDA contacted Heidi and told her that they had Grant money available for municipal projects and the interest on the remainder of the loan would be very low about 2.7%. The Selectboard signed an agreement with Norm Nepveu to purchase his building. Historic preservation looked at the building and said that it could be and should be torn down. The cost to purchase the building, tear it down and rebuild a two story with the second story unfinished would be about $1,035,000. Since negotiations started, the USDA Grant/Bond time frame had changed from completing the project within 5 years to completing it by December 2010. Other financing sources were considered with interest ranging from 2.7% to 4%. General consensus from the Selectboard was that they thought that too much had changed since the beginning of negotiations. Sonnie Sanborn wondered why we would consider purchasing a building that we would have to tear down and rebuild and why couldn't we buy the building we are in. The Selectboard stated that they had spoken to Louis Ferris about purchasing the building at one time but he wanted $1.5 million. Min Cote said that he would talk to Louis again and see if we could get the building for less.
6. **Fireworks-**
   a. Lamoille Area Cancer network would like to do their annual fireworks display on June 26, 2010. There will be no rain date.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve fireworks permit for Lamoille Area Cancer Network. Motion approved. (5/0)

   b. Town Annual July 4th fireworks- Selectboard discussed the fireworks and the 4th parade. The Fire department is unable to set off the fireworks this year, so they hired Northstar, the original date for the fireworks was to be June 2, 2010. Dan negotiated with Northstar for a different date as we could not get enough volunteers to come in on two different dates for the parade and clean up duty. He changed the date to July 5th the actual observed holiday so that we could have the parade and fireworks on the same day and only one day for clean up instead of two. Todd expressed that he was not aware that the fire department was not doing the fireworks this year.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Dave Yacovone to approve fireworks permit for the Town's annual 4th of July display. Motion failed (2/3)

The Selectboard would like Todd to check with the fire department to see why they are doing the fireworks.

7. **Lamoille County Planning Commission Regional Board**- Matt Burgess is resigning. Ron Stancliff has expressed interest in serving on this Board.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to accept Matt Burgess's resignation from the LCPC Regional Board. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, second by Min Cote to appoint Ron Stancliff to the LCPC Regional Board. Motion approve (5/0)

8. **LRSWMD Board Resignation & Appointment**- Frank Lamphier is in good health and ready to return to the board. Dave Yacovone is resigning from the LRSWMD Board of supervisors.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to accept Dave Yavocone's resignation from the LRWWMD Board of Supervisors. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Frank Lamphier to the LRSWMD Board of Supervisors. Motion approved (5/0)

9. **Zoning Administrator/Health Officer/Planning Assistant Appointment**- The Planning Commission has recommended appointing Todd Thomas for the position.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to appoint Todd Thomas as the Zoning Administrator/Health Officer/Planning Assistant at a paygrade 6 step 1. Motion approved (5/0)

III. TA REPORT

1. Stafford Avenue Sewer line extension is underway
2. Eric Calderwood from Calderwood engineering said that he could do a design for the Cady Falls Bridge for about $3,000, so Dan gave him the go ahead on that.
3. Dan talked with Tom Anderson from AOT regarding grant money for structures. Max we could get is $175,000. We can apply for this grant in January and could pay for the deck on the Cady Falls Bridge.
4. Still have not got paid from AOT for their 10% match on the Bridge Street Bridge. Dan has contacted the State and talked with Pam Thurbur who has been a big help in getting the paper work pushed through. The money was supposed to be deposited weeks ago, but it seems the state has had trouble with the account. Dan feels that it is time to talk to the representatives and see if that gets a quicker response from AOT. The Selectboard agreed that it was time to contact the representatives.
5. Bridge Street Bridge is just about complete, should be done this week.

IV. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg-Brooklyn Street property- wood pile, is there anything we can do about this? Dan said there is really nothing we can do. We have no ordinances in place to support or enforce this issue. Also asked Dan if he could check on the auto repair business on Brooklyn Street.

Bob Beeman- None

Todd Yando- none

Dave Yacovone- None

Min Cote- asked Richard how truck traffic had been on Cady Falls Bridge. Richard said that it had been pretty good, no issues.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 05-3-10
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

VI. ADJOURN

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM Motion approved (5/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 18th day of May 2010.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.