

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2001

Members Present: Brian Greenia, Mark Struhsacker, Lee Sturtevant, Jim Paige
Members Absent: Don Anderson

Dept. Heads: Paul McGinley, Mary Ann Wilson, Bill Moulton, Bud Geary,
Wally Reeves, Brian Kellogg, Richard Keith

Guests: Jim Neuland, Joie Marshall, June Levesque, Kelly Bushey,
Dennis Smith, Brian Stearns, Sandy Stearns, John Sullivan, Barb
Farr

The Selectboard meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

GUESTS:

Jim Neuland, of 3904 Randolph Road presented a petition on behalf of the residents of Randolph Road. The petition was a request to have any and all bicyclists ride single file while on the Randolph Road and have signs posted stating such. Dennis Smith, of Bliss Hill Road also expressed his concerns from a written list regarding this issue.

Lee suggested that the board table this issue until the next meeting on May 29, 2001 to allow for more information to be researched.

Joie Marshall and June Levesque from the Morristown Recreation Committee attended the meeting. Joie and June both informed the Selectboard that they would not be taking their positions again when they came up for renewal in October. The board expressed their thanks for the work and support that they had given to this committee. Brian made a request that a member from the Morristown Recreation Committee attend a joint meeting between the school and recreation which is to be held in June.

HIGHWAY:

Bill Moulton, Highway Superintendent reported that they would be finished sweeping this week. The paint for the crosswalks has been ordered. The trees purchased with funds from the Watershed Grant have been planted at the Oxbow. The soccer field has been mowed two times. The Town will begin to chloride the roads on 05/15/01. Screened gravel has been put on Cote Hill. Roland Boivin is on vacation.

Lee asked Bill about the possibility of putting "yield to pedestrian signs" at the crosswalks on Brooklyn Street near Munchy's Snack Bar. There was discussion as to what type of signs would best suit the Town's needs. It was decided to purchase two signs, similar to what the Town of Stowe has for their crosswalks.

POLICE:

Chief Richard Keith presented a Traffic Survey Report from the speed study that was done on Stagecoach Road. Richard's three-part recommendation for speeds was as follows:

1. I recommend a speed of 40 MPH when traveling south, down hill from the area approximate 5/10th of a mile to the Stowe town line;
2. I recommend the speed limit be 50 MPH, traveling three (3) miles north and south between Magoon Road and 5/10th mile from the Stowe town line;
3. I recommend the speed be 40 MPH from / to Magoon Road traveling north (down hill) to the 25 MPH speed zone to Morristown Corners.

Lee made the motion to adopt Richard's recommendation as presented. Jim seconded the motion. So passed.

A notice will be warned in the newspaper regarding the speed limit change.

They have had 165 calls, 46 of which were traffic stops. There were no detox transfers. Eric Dodge is back from National Guard training. Cindy Storey attended an Elder Abuse training seminar. There was a bomb scare at Peoples Academy on 05/14/01 with school closing early. MPD received a call from Wolcott Selectman, Bob Vize regarding possible police coverage for the Town of Wolcott. Discussion showed that MPD and the Morristown Selectboard were not interested in providing this service. Richard and Larry Pecor are to attend a State sponsored conference next week in Killington.

FIRE:

Wally Reeves, MFD Chief reported that the ban on burning is still in effect. He had received complaints regarding burn barrels, which he referred to Health Officer, David Godfrey. The repairs to the tanker have been completed. It was mentioned, by the repair shop that the tanker is very old and tender. The suggestion was made to have the Town address this situation in the near future. MFD has \$1600 left in their uniform budget. Wally requested that he be allowed to purchase one additional set of "turn out gear".

Lee moved to allow Wally to spend up to \$1000 from the uniform budget to purchase the new turn out gear as requested. Jim seconded the motion. So passed.

Wally stated the use of goggles by firefighters instead of face shields, was now an option. The siding project is now 90% complete.

HEALTH DEPT:

Paul McGinley reported that the complaint regarding trash on the Randolph Road had been taken care of.

RESCUE:

Bud Geary stated that the job interview for the full time position had been canceled as the applicant had rescinded his application. The job description is being compiled with the help of Paul McGinley. When finalized, it will be mailed to all applicants. The board asked Paul to help with the selection of an additional committee member.

From June 11th through August 12th, Bud will be on a leave of absence.

ANIMAL:

Brian Kellogg was on hand to discuss the dogs, which were found in a cabin in Morristown that had been taken into the town's possession. Richard Keith submitted the signed original document releasing them to the Town of Morristown by their owner. Brian Kellogg will arrange for a veterinarian to examine the three dogs and give a report to Paul McGinley. NCAL representative, Kelly Bushey stated that there is no space available in their kennel at this time.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Town Clerk, Mary Ann Wilson is back from vacation. Mary Ann stated that the Mountain Ash tree, located next door in the park needs to be moved again. Water & Light has agreed to move it, but a decision has to be made as to where. It was decided that Bill Moulton and Scott Corse would see that the tree gets moved.

Stella Martin has contacted the town regarding the BCA decision concerning her tax credit. It was decided that it would be in the town's best interest to refund the balance of credit to her, upon receiving approval from the Board of Civil Authority.

GUESTS:

John Sullivan from LEDC along with Brian and Sandy Stearns, of Vermont Slate & Copper Services, Inc. (Alpine Snowguards) attended the meeting. The Stearns requested a ten-year Tax Stabilization Agreement for their business, which is planning to move into the Lamoille Industrial Park. There were many questions asked and discussion of what is required of the Town for such a request to be granted. Information was presented to the Selectboard and the issue was tabled until the next meeting.

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Paul's 04/30/01 memo to the Selectboard regarding a new site for the LRSWMD recycling station was discussed.

Paul has met with Heidi Krantz on a few occasions to discuss the Town Plan and her position as community coordinator. Paul feels that it is important to have all parties involved, meet and share ideas on the best way to implement the Town Plan and discuss the continued growth of the community. The Selectboard recommended that Paul continue with his plans for this retreat.

A complaint has been received about an unsightly junkyard. Paul stated that he had documentation regarding who could handle this type of complaint. The board felt that it was not their responsibility.

The employee meeting concerning the new VLCT EAP program held on May 11th was well attended. Paul took this opportunity to introduce himself and get to meet everyone.

OLD BUSINESS:

The request from CREW for waiver of DRB fees was revisited. Paul presented the Selectboard with a breakdown of the fees drawn up by Zoning Administrator, Ken Sweetser.

Brian Greenia made the motion to waive the DRF fees of \$6,147.00 as requested by CREW. Lee seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Barb Farr stated that any reduction of fees would be appreciated. **A vote was called. Mark was in favor of the motion, Brian, Lee and Jim opposed. The request was denied.**

Lee moved to accept the April 30, 2001 Selectboard minutes as presented. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

The Municipal Parking Lot sign was revisited. Mary Ann suggested a theme be decided on. The Community partnership is working on this and should wait until a decision is made before doing anything other than temporary.

The Town is waiting for more information about the Flag Disposal Ceremony before any action can be taken. Barb to contact Gary Rushford and revisit at the next meeting.

The Billing Scholarship application was revisited. One person had submitted an application thus far.

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Lee moved to award the Billings Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to Marie Limoge. Jim seconded the motion. A vote was called with Lee and Jim in favor of the motion and Brian and Mark voting no. It was a tied vote, therefore the motion was denied. Mary Ann will notify the school.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Lamoille County Sheriff's Department Communication Contract for Dispatching Services at a cost of \$88,096.77 was presented for approval and signatures of the Selectboard.

Lee moved to sign the LCSD Communication contract. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor. Passed.

A request for a \$100 donation was received from a committee working to upgrade the sound system in the auditorium at Peoples Academy. The Selectboard discussed this request and it was decided not to contribute funds.

An agreement was presented for the board's approval between the Union Bank, Union Bankshares Inc., Town of Morristown, Village of Morrisville, Morrisville Community Partnership and the Lamoille Valley Chamber of Commerce regarding a plot of land on lower Main Street owned by the Union Bank, for use as a town park.

Lee moved to sign the agreement with the Union Bank. Seconded by Jim. So passed.

WARRANTS:

Jim made the motion to approve the following warrants: Warrant # 00-74 in the amount of \$29,879.38 and # 00-75 in the amount of \$85,395.30. Seconded by Lee. So passed. Lee made the motion to approve Payroll warrant for ppe ending 05/05/01 in the amount of \$24,843.51. Seconded by Mark. So passed. Lee moved to approve the VDCP Grant Warrant # 0123-99IG (80) in the amount of \$35,300.00. Seconded by Jim. So passed.

At 9:10 Lee moved to go into Executive Session to discuss Health Insurance issues, Cemetery issues, Union issues and a Planning Commission issue with Paul and Barb present. Seconded by Jim. So Passed.

At 9:45 Lee moved to go out of Executive Session and back into regular session. Seconded by Jim. So passed.

Lee made the motion to handle the settlement of the medical deductibles, according to the Union contract and Personnel Regulations on an annual basis. Jim seconded the motion. So passed.

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Brian Greenia moved to allow employees who are eligible, but not enrolled in the health insurance plan receive the medical deductible amount as a stipend for non-enrollment. Seconded by Lee. So passed.

Lee made the motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM. Seconded by Jim. So passed.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
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Brian Greenia, Chair
Minutes Not Approved