



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF MAY 12, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Eric Dodge, Brian Kellogg, Gary Nolan & Judy Bickford

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Todd Thomas, Director of Planning & Zoning; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Tina Sweet, Finance Director

Guests: Richard Lowe, Tyler Mumley (by phone)

Bob Beeman called the Select Board Meeting to order at 3:30PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Delete Frazer Road Boring
2. Add Summer Recreation
3. Add accept retirement for Kevin LaPlante and Dean Shedd
4. Add accept bid from Jerry Audy for sand
5. Add plans to bring furloughed staff back on Monday

II. APPROVE MINUTES

1. Approve minutes of April 16, 2020

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the minutes of April 16, 2020. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion passed (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Eric Dodge to go into the Board of Liquor Control. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve liquor license for Bliss Rite Pizza Company Inc, DBA Hoagies for 1st & 3rd Class. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Motion passed (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of the Board of Liquor Control. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0)

V. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Summer Recreation Program – Dan explained that the school may not be useable due to COVID 19 restrictions. Kristi McAllister, the Director of the Program feels that the new restrictions would be hard to adhere to the way our program is set up. Dan recommends canceling the program this year. Dan feels that we can't meet the safety guidelines and we will be putting the Town at a substantial liability risk. Eric would like to see alternative spaces and ways to administer the program explored. It was decided to explore alternatives, but we would not be accepting any more registrations. We can tell people that we probably will not have the program this year. Dan will discuss this further with Kristi and Sara to see if they feel there are any alternatives.
2. We have received resignations from Kevin LaPlante and Erval Dean Shedd III. They would like to retire in June.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Kevin LaPlante's resignation with our thanks for his service to the Town. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0).

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Dean Shedd's resignation with our thanks for his service to the Town. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0).

3. We have received a proposal from Jerry Audy to purchase some sand/silt that is at the Cochran Road garage. There is approximately 200 – 300 yards. We can't use it and would have to haul it away. Jerry has proposed to pay \$6.00 per yard for it and will haul it away.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept Jerry Audy's proposal to buy the sand/silt at the Cochran Road garage for \$6.00 per yard. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0).

4. Plans to call back furloughed employees – Dan discussed bringing back our furloughed employees on Monday. He feels that the restrictions have changed enough and we have precautions in place to safely bring employees back to work, but not open to the public. Everyone will be required to adhere to the State guidelines. Donnie Blake is going to put up Plexiglas barriers and reconfigure the counter area in the Town Clerk's office to safely accommodate opening to the public. We will not allow the public to go beyond the Town Clerk's office in the building when we re-open. Staff will have to go into the Town Clerk's office in order to help the public. Bob offered to donate disposable masks from Concept 2 for the public when we open. Sara said that we have ordered gloves for the public to use when looking at documents in the vault.

It is Dan's plan to resume regular scheduled Selectboard meetings, using State guidelines for the June 1st meeting.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to require the public to wear masks when our office opens to the public until further notice. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion passed (5/0).

5. Mud City Loop Culvert – Tyler (by phone) explained the three bids we received to construct the concrete box culvert. CSI could construct the culvert around the middle of July, their bid was for \$110,697.00. CAMP Precast can have the culvert done by the end of August, their bid was \$136,575.00. SD Ireland can have the culvert done by October, their bid was \$147,462.00. CSI proposed to use a U cast system that is assembled on site. CSI said if they do traditional wing walls, it would be about \$16,000.00 more. Tyler has explored the U cast system and feels that it would be the best option. He will discuss it further with contractors to see how they feel.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to accept the bid from CSI for \$110,697.00. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0).

6. Discuss Property Tax Due Date, Interest and Penalty – Sara explained the legislature has proposed to allow Towns to change their property tax due dates and waive penalties and interest. This has not been made a law yet, as the Governor still needs to sign the bill. Stowe has changed their property tax due date already. Stowe can do this because they have a charter form of government. Their Town Manager can make this decision. We do not have that form of government, so the voters at Town Meeting set the property tax due dates, penalty and interest.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to waive penalties and interest for the May 15, 2020 tax due date for 90 days as long as the bill is signed by the Governor and becomes law. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion passed (5/0).

7. Extend Timeframe for DRB Decisions – Todd discussed that the DRB has to make decisions within 45 days of an application. If the decision is not made, it is automatically deemed approved. The DRB would like the Selectboard to extend the 45 day period for an additional 90 days due to not being able to meet in person and look at plans.

Motion made by Judy Bickford to extend the DRB deadline by an additional 90 days until further notice. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0).

8. Review and Approve Road Boring on Olive Street – Comcast would like to bore under Olive Street in order to install conduit. Dan has concerns because of the storm water, sewer and water that runs under the road. Dan would like to have Comcast meet with our Street Crew Leader and a member of Water and Light prior to boring.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to allow boring in the Town Right of Way on Olive Street as long as Comcast meets with the Street Crew Leader and Water and Light prior to boring. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion passed (5/0).

9. Review and Approve Lease for Police Department Vehicle – Richard said he found a Tahoe in Massachusetts that we can lease. It will be financed through Republic First

National. It is within our budget. He thinks he can have the vehicle shortly after July 1st.

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve the lease with Republic First National with four annual payments of \$13,636.51. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion passed (5/0).

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Change Road Name of “Rue Benoit” to “Rue Benoit Road” – Dan explained that E911 likes to have the words road, lane etc.. after a road name.

Motion made Eric Dodge to change the name of “Rue Benoit” to “Rue Benoit Road. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion Carried. (5/0)

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. None

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this 13th day of May, 2020
Tina Sweet, Scribe

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