



**TOWN PLAN PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES  
&  
REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES  
OF MAY 2, 2022  
AMENDED BY JUDI ALBERI ON MAY 18, 2022**

MEMBERS: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford, Jessica Graham, Brian Kellogg and Don McDowell

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Kevin Barrows, *Highway Superintendent*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Eric Dodge, *Town Administrator*; Judi Alberi, *Administrator's Assistant*; Jason Luneau, *Interim Police Chief*; Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*; William Mapes, *EMS Chief*; Todd Thomas, *Planning Director*;

PARTICIPANTS: Tom Cloutier, Neil Perlin, Steve Quimby, Michael Drury, Nicole Maddox, Fiona Genadior Allen, Curtis Swafford, Allen Van Anda\*, Mitzi Fleming\*, Bretton Gardner\*

GUESTS:

*\*participating via Zoom*

---

**TOWN PLAN PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES**

Bob Beeman called the Town Plan Public Hearing meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Tegu Building.

After much discussion by Todd Thomas, Steve Foster, Jamie Brewster and Eric Dodge regarding the proposed changes to the Town Plan, it was decided to leave the plan as is, and proceed with it as written. There was concern expressed by Todd Thomas that the Village Trustees may not support any more changes to the plan.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg to close the meeting, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Jess Graham feels grant money, made possible via downtown designation, may be in jeopardy due to the language in the plan. Jess also has concerns around the language in the plan supporting 1-acre minimum lot sizes in portions of the Rural Residential Agriculture Zone. Motion passed 4/1 – Jess opposed.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:24 PM.

---

## REGULAR SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:25 PM at the Tegu Building.

### AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

### APPROVE MINUTES

Jessica Graham requested her name be added as follows:

The section titled **Old Business, Approve revised Joint Rules for Appointment**, Motion carried (4/1) Jess opposed.

Judy Bickford requested the following change:

The section titled **New Business, section 2: Discuss B St to BJAMS sidewalk project**, change “beacon in the amount of \$200,000” to “beacon in the total amount of \$200,000”.

APPROVE MINUTES OF APRIL 18, 2022

***Motion made by Bob Beeman to approve the minutes of April 18, 2022 with changes suggested by Jessica Graham and Judy Bickford. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0).***

### COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Neil Perlin and Steve Quimby from Lamoille County Stargazers club alerted the Selectboard a full solar eclipse April 8, 2024. Neil and Steve want to be proactive in the event that Morristown sees an influx of visitors for the spectacular natural event. Neil discussed promoting this event and taking into consideration the possible issues surrounding parking, public safety, sanitation, and medical services.

Laura Nepveu brought some ideas of resolving the parking issues surrounding the building the Nepveu family owns on corner of Hutchins and Portland Street in downtown Morrisville. Laura had several visual drawings of proposed parking ideas on Hutchins Street. She discussed angle, parallel and alternate street parking during winter storms. Bob Beeman thanked Laura for coming in and doing so much work on this parking display that she presented. Don McDowell agrees with Laura and a suggestion was made to create a parking committee. Jess also agreed with Bob and Don and thanked Laura for coming in.

Steve Foster has concerns over the joint committee policy changes where members must be residents of the Town of Morristown. Steve would like the Selectboard to revisit the discussion as this limits folks from serving on boards that are truly vested in the future of the town. Jess agrees with Steve. It was decided to make this an agenda item for May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## LIQUOR CONTROL

***On a motion by Brian Kellogg, motion seconded by Don McDowell, the Selectboard recessed their regular meeting to meet as the Board of Liquor Control at 7:15PM. Motion carried (5/0).***

**Liquor license renewal request was received for the Board's approval:**

| <b>Applicant/<br/>Location</b>                              | <b>First<br/>Class</b> | <b>Second<br/>Class</b> | <b>Third<br/>Class</b> | <b>Outside<br/>Consumption</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Green Mountain<br/>Distillers LLC2919<br/>Laporte Rd</b> |                        |                         |                        | <b>Yes</b>                     |

**Liquor license request was received for the Board's approval:**

| <b>Applicant/<br/>Location</b>      | <b>First<br/>Class</b> | <b>Second<br/>Class</b> | <b>Third<br/>Class</b> | <b>Outside<br/>Consumption</b> |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Soulmate Brewing<br/>Company</b> | <b>Yes</b>             |                         |                        | <b>Yes</b>                     |

Discussion around the Green Mountain Distillers renewal request for outside consumption only. Several folks reached out to Sara Haskins, Town Clerk, for clarity. No decision was made and the SB moved on to the new request by Soulmate Brewing Company. Joined via Zoom was John Mogor to talk about the liquor license the outside deck and his plans for opening. Don McDowell asked Jason Luneau if the Police Dept. had any concerns regarding the liquor license for Soulmate Brewing. Jason indicated no concerns.

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve liquor license for Soulmate Brewing Company as presented, motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Motion carried. (5/0)***

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to come out of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)***

As the Selectboard concluded the liquor control, Eric Dodge heard from Sara Haskins who was able to confirm that outside consumption for Green Mountain Distillers was correctly submitted.

***On a motion by Don McDowell, motion seconded by Judy Bickford the Selectboard recessed their regular meeting to meet as the Board of Liquor Control at 7:22PM.***

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve liquor license for Green Mountain Distillers LLC as presented, motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)***

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to come out of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)***

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. **DISCUSS NOISE ORDINANCE**

Paul Ursetti, owner of Tacos & Taps on Main Street, Morristown  
Tom Moog, owner of Moog's Place, Portland Street, Morristown  
Alan Van Anda, owner of Lost Nation Brewery, Old Creamery Road, Morristown  
Nicole Maddox, owner of North Country Donuts, Main Street, Morristown

All came to discuss the noise ordinance and asked the town to extend the noise ordinance hours for Friday/Saturday evenings from the current 10pm to midnight. All establishment owners supported each other and feel that it is important to folk's sanity after the last 2 years with COVID isolating so many folks. These folks want to promote getting out and enjoy life, music, and camaraderie of others. Don McDowell agrees with the owners present this evening. Dennis DiGregorio, Fire Chief, mentioned that the subwoofers be lowered so the vibration is not felt in the surrounding area. Business owners present are not asking for louder noise just more time in the weekend evenings.

Eric Dodge agreed to check in with surrounding town ordinances that may be similar to Morristown and will bring information to the next meeting. Jess Graham and Bob Beeman thanked everyone for coming in.

### 2. **REVIEW AND APPROVE PAVING BIDS**

Eric Dodge, Kevin Barrows, and Bretton Gardner of Pike Industries discussed the paving bids and how volatile the market is today. The bidders have the ability to raise prices – what that means to Morristown is less paving for the same amount of money. The Selectboard is not familiar with how to read the bids so it was great to have Bretton Gardner present on Zoom to present a more user friendly explanation of the bids. All companies that bid on the paving are reputable companies and have done business with Morristown in the past.

***Motion made by Don McDowell to accept the bid by Pike Industries. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Further discussion by Brian and Jess to understand the dollar amount being spent and the amount of paving that can be done. Motion carried (5/0).***

### 3. **REVIEW AND APPROVE POLICE CRUISER PURCHASE**

Jason Luneau, Interim Police Chief has found a 2021 Toyota Highlander from Handy Toyota that he would like to purchase. Judy Bickford asked about the warranty and Jason explained that it would be bumper to bumper with some outfitting charges but he will re-use some equipment from the trade-in vehicles.

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to purchase a 2021 Toyota Highlander for the Police Department for \$24,270.00. This price includes trading in a 2015 Chevy Malibu for \$10,000 and a 2014 Chevy Tahoe for \$8,000. Funds to be utilized from SIU revenue and***

***DEA funds. I authorize Eric Dodge to sign on the Select Board's behalf. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).***

4. **APPROVE AND SIGN LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**  
Eric Dodge presented the board with a final plan which is necessary for FEMA reimbursement.

***Motion made by Don McDowell to approve and sign the local emergency management plan and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Select Board, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)***

5. **REVIEW AND APPROVE LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**  
Eric Dodge presented the board with a final version of the Town Hazard Mitigation Plan he has been working on with Stephanie Magnan of SEAM Solutions. The Selectboard had a few questions and concerns regarding flooding and winds, Todd Thomas beefed up the flooding hazard portion of the plan, mentioning that he has been waiting a year for information regarding flooding insurance policy for several properties. Jess Graham was interested in knowing why the infectious disease is rated so low having survived 2 years of COVID. Eric identified the frequency of the infectious disease gives the low rating.

***Motion made by Don McDowell to approve and sign the local hazard mitigation plan and authorize the Board Chair to sign on behalf of the Select Board, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Discussion took place concerning flood insurance and encourage residents/business to obtain flood insurance. Eric Dodge has sent the plan to Penny Jones for Downtown Morrisville. Motion carried. (5/0)***

6. **APPROVE NEW HIRE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**  
Eric Dodge expressed his desire to hire Judith Alberi for the position. Prior approval by 3 Selectboard members had been received so Judi was able to start work April 25<sup>th</sup>.

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to offer the position of permanent full time Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator to Judith Alberi at a rate of \$22.02 per hour. Her first date of employment is April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried. (5/0)***

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT (Agenda went out of order)**

### **Eric Dodge reported the following notes out of the Administration Office:**

- a. Jason Luneau and Eric Dodge – contract negotiating
- b. Judi Alberi and Eric Dodge were present for a webinar regarding the Declaration of Inclusion. Very informative webinar. There is much education needed in order to act on this declaration.
- c. Scott Longe and Eric Dodge watched a webinar about paving assessment
- d. Jersey Way – Tyler met with Kevin Barrows and Eric Dodge regarding the ownership of the common property – Mitzi Fleming has done some research for Eric Dodge – More info

to come

e. Eric Dodge did a site visit at Duhamel pit – talked about excavation of the Haul Road – Brooke spent the bulk of the weekend (April 30, May 1) working on this project as the filing was due May 2, 2022.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None

## **APPROVE WARRANTS**

***Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants as presented. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0).***

## **SELECTBOARD CONCERNS**

**Don McDowell:** Attended the DRB meeting and thanked Todd Thomas for gathering data in 2019. Thanked the Nepveu sisters for coming to the meeting and spending so much time on their creative displays and gave praises for their determination and perseverance regarding the parking on Portland Street/Hutchins Street. Would like to have a parking committee formed.

**Judy Bickford:** None.

**Jessica Graham:** Morristown Conservation Committee – working on community values mapping that terminates in the Fall 2022. There is a survey she encourages folks to complete, Jess would like it added to the website.

**Brian Kellogg:** Asked Eric Dodge how the sidewalk painting is coming. Kevin Barrows commented it will be done by Memorial Day.

**Bob Beeman:** Thanks the folks that attended the meeting this evening with community concerns.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **ADJOURN**

***Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).***

Meeting adjourned at 9:21PM

Respectfully submitted and filed this May 5, 2022

Judi Alberi, Scribe

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