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**MORRISTOWN**

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF April 29, 2013

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| Members Present: | Bob Beeman, Steve Rae, Min Cote, Mickey Smith and Brian Kellogg. |
| Department Heads: | Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Eric Dodge Morristown PD; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator; Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator/Planner and Charlie McArthur, Listing Coordinator. |
| Guests: | Tom Hirchack(by phone) Terri Owen, Graham Givoni, Ron Stancliff, Paul Griswold, Andrea Caldwell, Rudy Hinrichs, Margaret Hinrichs, Mary West, Eugene Dambach, Kim McCormick, Stephen Diglo, Andrew Martin, Joni Lanphear, Michael Paritz, Richard & Heather Sargent, Jeannette Randolph, Lenny Randolph, Jean Jenney, Polly McArthur. |

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Community Meeting Room by Bob Beeman.

## I. AGENDA CHANGES

1. Add Review & Approve Downtown Transportation Grant to New Business.

## II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. None

## III. NEW BUSINESS

**1. Thomas Hirchak RE: Town Plan & Zoning Changes-** Terry Owen, Graham Govoni & Tom Hirchak( by phone) came to discuss with the Selectboard the possibility of changing the zoning of the Green Mountain Arena from Rural Residential to Commercial. Since the Town Plan Process is about to go into formal hearing process he would like language put in the Town Plan that would allow the arena to be changed to commercial if there was not a viable option for recreational use. He has made an offer on the Green Mountain Arena owned by Randy Latona in the hope he can move his auction business to that location, but needs to have it zoned as commercial use. Friends of the Green Mountain Arena came to show their support for the arena, and also made an offer on the arena and it was turned down by the Latona's. They realize that it may sit empty before someone can afford to buy it, but they don't want to lose the opportunity to have a rink. They feel that Hirchak could move his operation to another location in Town but there isn't another location that would accommodate a rink. They felt that Randy Latona purposely did not give the rink a fighting chance in hopes of a situation where he could have it rezoned to commercial. They also felt that by making the area commercial not only would they lose the rink but there would be a loss of green space and recreational trails. The Hirchak's are not in the business of running an ice rink and have no plans to do so. They are looking strictly to expand their business. Todd Thomas stated that this is an informal hearing so that the Selectboard can hear both sides and will be asked to make a decision when the Town Plan comes before the Selectboard for approval. No decision needs to be made tonight, but when asked how the Selectboard felt they were in agreement that they would like to see the Green Mountain Arena stay Rural Residential. They also said that the

Town Plan is in effect for 5 years but it can be changed before the 5 years are up by going through the process again.

## IV. OLD BUSINESS

**1. KAS Rt. 100 Alternatives Hearing-** Steve Diglo from KAS engineering has been working on the alternatives for the Rt. 100 Sidewalk improvement project. In order to accommodate a 6ft sidewalk there needs to be some modification to the road. The current sidewalk is on private property and is not available for use in the new construction.

There are three options:

- Option 2A: 6ft sidewalk with 11ft travel lanes, 4ft shoulders and no left turn lane for the Randolph Rd.
- Option 2B: same as option 2A but leaving a left turn lane for Randolph Rd.
- Option 3: Same as 2A but putting in a roundabout where the island by Noyes House is currently located.

Construction would most likely begin after the bypass is complete, which is set for Fall 2014. The Selectboard heard from the area residents, their questions and concerns regarding the options and will take everything under advisement and will make a decision soon, so that Steve can move forward with the plans.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

**2. Review Letter from Planning Commission -** The Planning Commission would like the Selectboard to assign the task of determining what percentage actually available for development of commercial land. The Selectboard would like to have the Conservation Commission and the Planning Commission to work together on this project.

**3. Village & Town Highway Truck Purchase-** We received bids from RR. Charlebois & Clarks Truck Center. The Highway truck bids were $114,602.00 from Clarks for an International Cab & Chassis and $116,220.00 from RR. Charlebois for a 2014 Freightliner. The body bids were from HP Fairfield for $68,990.00 and $64,495.00 from Viking. The Village Truck bids for the Cab & Chassis from RR Charlebois for $81,500 with and HP Fairfield Body for $66,510.00 for a total of $148,010.00 and from Clarks Truck Center for Cab & Chassis in the amount of $79,994.00 with an HP Fairfield body in for $66,510.00 for a total of $146,504.00.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve purchase of Highway Truck for Cab & Chassis from Clarks Truck Center in the amount of $114,602.00. Motion approved. (4/1)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve purchase of Highway Truck body from Viking in the amount of $64,495.00. Motion approved. (5/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to purchase the 2014 International from Clarks Truck Center with HP Fairfield Body in the amount of $146,504. Motion approved. (5/0)**

4. **Downtown Transportation Grant-** Since we have backed out of the Northern Border Grant with LCPC due to the cost and the process; Tricia would like to apply for Downtown

Transportation funds for the purpose of building the Kiosk for the Rail Trail. She is planning to apply for about $8- $9 thousand. The grant is a 50/50 match. We could use in-kind services for the Town 50%

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, Seconded by Min Cote to application for the Downtown Transportation Grant. Motion approved (5/1)**

## VI. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to enter session as Board of Liquor Control. Motion approved(5/0.**

Mary Ann presented a new Statute from the State for licensing Fairs, Festivals and Art Gallery's. Such as the one that River Arts is applying for. Mary Ann would like to include this policy along with the catering policy. She would be able to approve these types of permits like she does with the catering permits rather than come to the BLC for every permit. If there seems to be anything out of the ordinary she would present it to the Board.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve Blanket Policy for Fairs, Festivals, & Art Galleries. Motion approved. (5/0)**

Lost Nation would like to apply for a Liquor License with outside consumption. Their outdoor space is 20x15. Eric Dodge, acting Chief of Police did not see any issues with the outdoor space or the permit.

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to approve outside consumption license for Lost Nation Brewery. Motion approved. (5/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to come out of Board of Liquor Control at 9:25PM and enter regular session. Motion approved (5/0)**

## VII. TA REPORT

1. Due to new MSHA requirements Carol has developed a policy that would require Mine(pit) employees to wear proper foot wear IE: steel toe boots. We have proposed offering $150 every two years for reimbursement of proper footwear. We will be discussing the policy with the PAC and will have a final copy for the Selectboard approval at a later time.
2. Library Grand Opening will be May 6th
3. Arthurs project is underway
4. Bypass construction started today will be stating on the southern end.
5. Howard has started his sewer extension and will be looking for the allocation fees.
6. Went to meeting on the roads and bridge standards and do not recommend the board adopt the standards. It will be too costly for the Town to comply.

## VIII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Min Cote-**Need some pavement, holes filled on Main Street
- **Steve Rae-** none.
- **Brian Kellogg-** Painting crosswalks
- **Bob Beeman-** Maple street project.

- **Mickey Smith-** None

## IX. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 4-15-2013
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)**

## X. OTHER BUSINESS

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter Executive Session at 9:55PM for Personnel & Real Estate. Motion approved(5/0)**
**Motion made by Min Cote Seconded by Mickey Smith to exit Executive Session and enter Regular session at 10:20 PM. Motion approved (5/0)**

**Motion made by Min Cote to offer the Equipment Operator Laborer position to Matthew Frederichs at a pay grade 3 step 3. Motion approved. (5/0)**

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 30th day of April 2013 Erica Allen, Clerk

**Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.**