



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF April 28, 2014

Members Present: Bob Beeman (Chair), Min Cote, Brian Kellogg, Steve Rae and Mickey Smith

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Denny Digregorio, Fire Chief and Carol Bradley, Finance Director.

Guests: Tina Sweet Dave Polow, Steve Berry, Graham Govoni, Dot Cook, George Cook, George Vaupel, Gary Bourne, Tammy Benjamin, and Judy Bickford.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Vendor Permit for Farmers Artisan Market to New Business
2. Add Real Estate to Other Business with possible Executive Session

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

1. David Polow on behalf of the Bike Ped Committee came to discuss Complete Streets which is part of H. 198 a House Bill that would ensure that the needs of all users of Vermont's transportation system including motorists, bicyclists, public transportation, users, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities are considered in all state and municipally managed transportation projects and project phases including planning, development, construction, and maintenance except in the case of projects or project components involving unpaved highways. Because the Town is reconstructing Maple Street David wanted to make sure that we took into consideration H.198 for this project. Dan Lindley Town Administrator said that we did look at widening the street but unfortunately the street only has a 33ft Right of Way. There was no way to accommodate a bike lane or additional roadway without acquiring property. The Selectboard agreed that it is important to look at all aspects of transportation for our Town and they do for projects like Maple Street. The Selectboard thanked David for coming to talk about H.198 and Complete Streets.

2. Steve Berry on behalf of the Republican party would like permission to hold a spring festival May 24 & 25 in and around Portland Street. He thought it would be a good community even and would be a good time for the merchants of the downtown to bring out there sales item similar to a sidewalk sale and he would like to have a Street Dance with live music. He also stated that they [the republican party] are not opposed to the democratic party having a booth at the event. He was unsure of the details and the times that the event & activities would happen. The Selectboard suggested that if he want it to be a more community based event rather than a partisan event that he should talked to MACC and/or Tricia Follert our Community Development Coordinator and come back to the Selectboard with a more complete plan.

3. Judy Bickford came on behalf of the Recreation Commission to find out more about Tim Scandales' position being cut. Judy Stated that the commission is afraid they won't have any assistance if there is not a paid employee to direct them. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator

stated that that in order to keep within the 3% budget increase this position was cut to help stay within that 3%. The Selectboard stated they felt that this position wasn't producing the results they thought it would. They also stated that if the Recreation Commission needed assistance or had any questions they should come talk to Dan. Judy said that she would take this back to the Commission and also stated that a heads up about the position cut would have been nice to know.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. MORRISTOWN RESCUE ASSOCIATION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SHIFT COVERAGE-

Graham Govoni came to discuss the proposal that the subcommittee of the MRS Board had devised in regards to covering weekend shifts. The Subcommittee has come up with a plan in hopes of enticing members to want to volunteer to cover weekend shifts. They are proposing that the Town compensate crew volunteers at the rate of \$2.00 per hour in addition to their regular per call rate. There are stipulations that would go along with this as outlined by the subcommittee, such as covering a minimum of one 12 hour shift and must consist of a legal crew of at least two [IE: EMT/driver & AEMT] and no more than three. Members can either stay at the Morristown Rescue building or be within the required response time to the Morristown Rescue Building. The Sub Committee has proposed this to be a temporary fix and in 90 days will provided the Selectboard with a report regarding the effectiveness of the proposal. The Subcommittee also realizes that there are times when there is not a legal crew during the week and would work on ways to recruit more members during the 90 day window. The amount of hours the State requires volunteers to put in for EMT, AEMT & Paramedic can be quite lengthy and costly which is the main reason it is hard to find Volunteers. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator felt that we should talk with VLCT regarding paying a stipend or hourly rate to Volunteers, he believes that there is a fine line between a volunteer and a paid employee in regards to hourly stipends. The Selectboard suggested that Joyce, Graham & Dan work together to figure out the legalities of offering a stipends. Dot Cook asked how long before the Board would have an answer. Dan stated that he should be able to get an answer from VLCT within a week or so. Joyce asked if the Selectboard would be advertising the training position that was vacated by Diana Osborne and they stated that they are still working on the job description. The Selectboard thanked them for coming in to discuss the options.

2. ITINERANT VENDOR APPLICATION- Tammy Benjamin from Green Mtn. Hotdogs which is currently vending in the Aubuchons parking lot would like to vend at the bottom of Copley Ave. near the new monument. She plans to be there M-F from 2:30-3:30.

Motion made by Min Cote seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Vender Permit for Tammy Benjamin of Green Mtn. Dogs with the understanding that the location and times could change depending on public response. Motion carried (5/0)

3. PAVEMENT CUT PERMIT FOR WILLIAM BOURNE- William needs to cut the pavement near his apartment building site located at 142 Brooklyn Street to access the water main.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Pavement Cut for William Bourne for 142 Brooklyn Street. Motion Carried(5/0)

4. DISCUSS WAIVER FOR NOISE ORDINANCE- Gary Bourne would like a waiver from the noise ordinance for the Maynards Building that is in the process of being remodeled. His hope is to get a tenant in there that is a restaurant that provides live music on Friday & Saturday nights. He was thinking the renters would have the band on the loading dock and they would have tables in the alley way. The alley way would be gated off to keep people from coming and going. The Selectboard suggested that they have the music on the inside and as long as it wasn't very loud they wouldn't need a waiver. Moogs and Bees Knees has live music almost every night and there have been no issues. Gary was happy with that, so there is no waiver needed.

5. NEW VEHICLE LEASE FOR PPOLICE DEPARTMENT- Richard Keith, Chief of Police is looking to lease another vehicle for the Police Department to replace the 2007 Chevy Iimpala that has been taken off the road as it has rotted out and is no longer drivable. McMahons has worked up a lease for us on a 2014 Tahoe. We would be looking at a 48 month lease with a \$1.00 buyout at term end. The total would be \$48433.28 and would be paid annually at a price of \$12108.32.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve lease of 2014 Chevy Tahoe at an annual payment of \$12108.32 with a lease end buy out of \$1.00. Motion carried (5/0)

6. REVIEW BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT- These are reports from the State for the annual inspection of our bridges. There are a few that need some work. Dan, Min & Roland will go look at those and come up with a plan for repairs.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Bridge Inspection Reports from the State. Motion carried. (5/0)

7. REVIEW & ACCEPT BIDS FOR TANKER TRUCK- We received three bids for the sale of the Fire Department Tanker Truck. WE received bids from Joe Blaisdell for \$1475, Bud Jones for \$1151 and GAS Motors for \$832.12.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve bid from Joe Blaisdell in the amount of \$1475 for the Fire Department Tanker Truck. Motion carried. (5/0)

8. ITINERANT VENDOR PERMIT POLICY- Selectboard reviewed updated Itinerant Vendor Policy and made a few additions as follows:

- Selectboard reserves the right to revoke said license after a warned public meeting
- Permit will be valid from April 1- November 15
- Fee for permit will increase from \$15.00 to \$75.00
- Fine for violation will increase from \$5.00 TO \$25.00
- Applicants must file a copy of their State Health Permit with the Town Administration Office.

Staff will insert the changes and have a revised copy for the Selectboard's next meeting.

IV. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

None

V. TA REPORT

1. Dan & Roland met with Sun Valley Homeowners Association. They may be looking to have the Town take over that road. Min was adamant about not taking over any more roads as we have more to maintain than what we have staff for now and we will be assuming more roads when the bypass is complete. Steve thought we should look at the Town Plan and compare to our Road Policy and make the necessary changes.
2. Need to schedule a site walk for the A street to Bishop Marshall project. Before Selectboard meeting on May 12 at 5:30 will work for everyone.
3. We have had some significant culvert issues where water is diverting around the culvert and running underneath the road. Dan felt that it was not necessarily related to flooding but more related to the frost being so deep in the ground.
4. In The new truck we bought last year, the chassis welds let go. Roland is talking with Clarks, in regards to the rear end. Dan feels the rear end should be replaced in case there was any damage that may not show up right away. Selectboard was in agreement.
5. GW Tatro has started on the water & sewer project on Maple St.
6. Winterset will be starting on water & sewer on Rt. 15 preparing for the Roundabout construction. Construction will begin May 5, 2014 and continue through August.
7. Traffic will be rerouted on Rt. 100 near Bishop Marshall in preparation for the bypass.
8. Regional Plan needs to be updated. Will have Todd look over and see if there are any changes that need to be made.
9. Received plans for the new AT & T Towers from the Public Service Board. Dan feels there will be some comments from the Cady's Falls Water Co-op.
10. Will be changing traffic flow Congress Street/Washington Highway Intersection. There will be a stop sign on Congress instead of an yield sign and Washington Highway will be thru traffic in both directions.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Min Cote- Lower Bridge St. Bridge needs some pavement. Dan said he hopes to get this on the paving list once the bypass is done and the truck traffic is back to a minimum. The light at Harrel Street doesn't change to a blinking caution at night? Dan said it was a blinking light but they have had trouble with the controller.

Steve Rae- All set for Green up day. Mike Day knows where the roll- off should go. If we are not going to do anything with the vacant lot by the library then maybe we should plant some trees and gravel the parking lot.

Brian Kellogg-Met with the cemetery association and there are 3 trees that need to be taken care of, 2 by the Library and 1 at the Laporte Cemetery. Is the water damage taken care of in the TC Office? Dan said yes all that needs to be done is re-taping the sheetrock. He said they will wait until after tax season to do that.

Bob Beeman- none

Mickey Smith- none

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve consent agenda with Change to the minutes of April 14, 2014 IV. Board of Liquor Control- Min was not present therefore did not make the motion. Motion carried (5/0)

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate and Legal to include Dan Lindley Town Administrator. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to come out of Executive Session and enter Regular Selectboard Session. Motion carried. (5/0)

**Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to adjourned the meeting at 9:30 PM
Motion carried (5/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 30th day of April 2014

Erica Allen, Scribe

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