

Members Present: Don Anderson, Mark Struhsacker, Lee Sturtevant, Jim Paige
Members Absent: Brian Greenia
Dept. Heads: Bill Moulton, Larry Pecor, Wally Reeves, Mary Ann Wilson, Paul McGinley
Guests: Scott Corse, Heidi Krantz, Jim Preis, Robert Merchant, Dave Pelletier, Julia Compagna, Sam Guy, Bruce Tomlinson

The Selectboard meeting commenced at 6:00 PM.

HIGHWAY:

The Highway crew has been doing some spring maintenance and painting of equipment. Bill said that they opened up the pit. There have been no problems with high water or mud.

POLICE:

Larry reported that they have started the Stagecoach Road survey. The offices at the station have been moved upstairs. Everything seems to be online and running smoothly. Richard is expected back April 18th.

MW&L:

Scott reports that there is "lots of water", but everything is OK. Jim inquired about Morristown's growth - electric wise. Scott replied that their service territory is currently growing at about 3% per year, which is double the 1 ½% average. 80% is related to residential with the balance a mix of commercial and industry. Paul questioned the possibility of using the meeting room at the new W&L building for our meetings, when available.

FIRE:

A used portable tank for the Brush truck has been found for \$100.00. Wally reported that the work on the building is coming good. They had to purchase a little more cedar to finish the trim. The Training videos need to be upgraded. Costs would be approximately \$514.00. Wally also said that the department's supply of Class A and Class B foam was getting low. Costs to be \$700.00. Replacement of (motion & heat) Pass Alerts were requested. Six are needed at \$170.00 each for a total of \$1020.00. He has money left in the budget for these purchases. The board decided to table further discussion on the videos and foam and to revisit them at the next meeting. Wally said that those items could wait, but he would like to move ahead with the purchase of the Pass Alerts. Don moved and Jim seconded the motion to allow Wally to purchase the necessary Pass Alerts for no more than \$1020.00. So passed.

HEALTH:

No report.

RESCUE:

No report.

ANIMAL:

Paul discussed the request for a letter, showing proof of insurance for our animal control officer. The TA office has on file, a copy of the letter from VLCT PACIF stating that coverage does extend to the Animal Control Officer while providing animal control services on behalf of the Town. A copy of the letter has been provided to him.

TA:

Paul reviewed the TA report, which had been provided to the Selectboard prior to the meeting. Jim will attend the Legislator Breakfast to be held on 04/30/01 with Gov. Dean as a guest. The letter from LRSWMD regarding trash burning was discussed. The board feels that this is not an issue here. Sidewalk STP WALK (4) S mentioned, and will be discussed further when guests arrive. Paul's letter to Bud in regards to the full time employee job was addressed, with reference made to George Vaupel's work on helping to create the job description. Possible problems, which could arise as to who would direct the new employee were discussed. Paul presented the Act 250 Municipal Impact Questionnaire in regards to the H.A. Manosh car wash expansion. Discussion ensued as to what was required of the town on this project. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

GEN. GOVT:

Mary Ann stated that she only had a Liquor Control item to be considered later. Cemetery Bids were next on the agenda. Don stated that the bids had been discussed at the Cemetery meeting. It was requested that the selectboard accept the bid of \$11,700.00 from Grass Choppers, Darrell & Jane Draper of Hyde Park for mowing of the seven cemeteries and the library. Lee stated that their bid does not mention the library. He assumed that it was an oversight on their end as it was advertised as a job for both. Lee will call them to verify that the library was meant to be included. Lee moved and Don seconded the motion to accept the bid of \$11,700.00 from Grass Choppers, contingent upon the library being included in their bid. So passed. If they did not intend to include the library, the issue must be revisited. Permission to hold a barbeque on 08/10/01 at the Oxbow Park was requested via a letter from Ken Sweetser on behalf of LCPC and VPA. It was agreed that the Oxbow was there for people to use and required no action from the board.

OLD BUSINESS:

Don moved to accept the minutes as printed. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Issues in reference to the Cemetery meeting were discussed. Don made the motion to turn the daily operation and funds of the Cemetery Commission over to the Cemetery Association. Mark seconded the motion. So passed.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED:

Dave Pelletier of LCPC discussed the Enhancement Grant. He has information to give to Bill Moulton on this project. Also discussed were transportation problems at the Bridge and Brooklyn Street intersection and relocation of the B Street bridge.

Don moved and Mark seconded the motion to go out of session as the Selectboard and go into the Liquor Control Board at 6:38 PM. One Liquor License application was presented for approval. Don made the motion to approve the application submitted by Melben's Restaurant. Mark seconded the motion. Passed. Jim opposed. Don moved and Jim seconded the motion to go out of Liquor Control at 6:40 PM and back into regular Selectboard session. Passed.

GUESTS:

Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator gave an update on the four projects with which she is involved. She recently attended the National Main Street Conference in Indianapolis. The Village Green Project is progressing and plans are complete. River Arts is going strong. They have the largest number of volunteers. The Recreation Trails group is working hard to find funding for their map project. The Conservation Commission has received a grant for water testing. They are also looking for more members.

Bill Preis from AOT and Robert Merchant from Guertin & Assoc. were invited to attend in regards to the Sidewalk STP WALK (4) S project. Paul gave a rundown from the projects start to where we are today. Lee made the motion to award the contract of Municipal Project Manager to Guertin & Assoc. for their bid of \$34,593.30. Jim seconded the motion. So passed. Robert Merchant will be the Lead Engineer on this project. Allison Church will be his assistant. Mr. Merchant will recommend three or four Construction Consultants for the towns consideration. Lee recommended that Paul and Bill be involved because of their experience. Robert Merchant will submit a contract to the Selectboard for their approval.

A/P AND PAYROLL WARRANTS:

Don moved and Jim seconded the motion to approve the following: Warrant #00-71-AP in the amount of \$24,575.44, Warrant #00-70-PR Related Invoices in the amount of \$30,356.44 and Payroll Warrant for pay period ending 04/07/01 in the amount of \$28,277.88. So passed.

Lee moved to go out of regular session of the Selectboard and into executive session at 8:00 PM with Barb, Paul, Sam, Bruce and Julia present. Seconded by Don. Passed. Issues discussed consisted of Personnel Policy Issues, a contract addendum, Union Negotiations and a Personnel matter. The Selectboard signed the addendum which was a continuation of a contract that was ratified at the March 19, 2001 meeting. Lee moved and Jim seconded the motion to go out of executive session. Passed.

Don moved to adjourn at 9:05 PM. Jim seconded the motion. Passed.

Barbara Cochran, Scribe
Minutes Filed 04/18/01

Lee Sturtevant, Acting Chair
Minutes Not Approved