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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2008

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, Bob Beeman and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent, Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator and Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer

Guests: Wally Reeve, Amy Noyes, Sondra Sanborn, Irene Wilkins, Matthew Burgess, Cathy Voyer, Paul Nesky, Thomas Hirchak Jr., Steve Bousquet.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm in the Community Meeting room by Brian Kellogg, Acting Chair.

I. AGENDA CHANGES ADDITIONS

- **None**

II. GUEST PRESENTATION

- ***MDF (Morrisville Development Fund)*** **-** discussed changes and updates. Tim Soule has left LEDC, and was replaced by Art Sanborn. Also discussed the capacity of the board; they can have up to 7 members, currently they have five. The Board mentioned Steve Leach as a possible candidate for the MDF Board, Tom mentioned that he had worked with Steve in the past, and felt he might be a good candidate. Also, in the past there has been a Selectboard liaison; Steve Bousquet was serving in this capacity, but since he was not re-elected to the Selectboard, there needs to be a new Selectboard member appointed. The Board has set up a meeting schedule. They will be meeting the first Monday of each quarter in the Community Meeting Room at the Tegu Building at 7:30 AM, beginning Monday May 5th. They are hoping to rewrite and confirm the bylaws, utilize the Town website for posting minutes and material related to the MDF Board.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to nominate Todd Yando as the MDF Board Liaison. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to nominate Steve Leach as member at-large for the MDF Board. Motion approved. (4/0)

- ***Heidi Krantz- Portland Street Sidewalk Grant - Branding- LVRT (Lamoille Valley Rail Trail) updates-***
  - ***Portland Street Sidewalk-*** the paper work for the sidewalk grant was sent to the State, and although they returned it to us asking for more information; it was not denied completely as another town had been. Heidi has sent the needed information and wanted to confirm with the Board that we could use reserve funds in the amount of $33,000 as a match for this grant. The Board agreed that yes, reserve funds could be used for this project.
  - ***Branding-*** is a conceptual graphic image used in marketing strategies generally used in businesses to entice buyers. Heidi is requesting to use $3,300 out of her

budget as part of a match for a $10,000 grant that she has applied for in designing a branding image for Morristown. This will include using the current Morristown Logo. Chamber of Commerce has been asked to donate $3,300 from their budget as well as Morristown Alliance for Culture and Commerce.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve use of $3,300 from the Community Coordinator budget for a Branding Grant match. Motion approved. (4/0)

- *LVRT*- Heidi has been working with the Lamoille Valley Rail Tail Committee extensively to try make it more useable and bring more recreation to the Morristown area. She will be attending a workshop at the State House focusing on getting the trail or at least a portion of the trail useable in the foreseeable future. VAST has hired a project manager to look at the trail and determine what is needed where in order to get it into useable condition. At some point they would like to meet with the Selectboard to present updates. There will also be a presentation at River Arts on the 24th of April at 6:30. Heidi also mentions a need for a representative from Morristown to preside on the Advisory Committee. Steve Rae has volunteered his time to preside on this committee if the Selectboard agrees.

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to nominate Steve Rae to the LVRT Advisory Committee. Motion approved. (4/0)

III. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to enter session at 6:35 PM as Board of Liquor Control for the purpose of approving Liquor & Tobacco Licenses. Motion approved. (4/0)

- Liquor & Tobacco License request for renewal
  - Tomlinson Store, dba Premium properties, LLC
  - VFW

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Dave Yacovone to approve the Licenses as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Dave Yacovone to exit Board of Liquor Control and resume regular session at 6:37PM. Motion approved. (4/0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- ***Road Naming Request***-Red Bird Construction would like to name 1103 Elmore St. as Lily Lane, due to there being more than one house at that location there is a need to name it as a private road for 911 purposes.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the Road Naming Request of Lily Lane from Red Bird Construction. Motion was approved. (4/0)

- ***New Highway Truck Order***- Highway Department will be trading in one of the older trucks for a new single axel truck which was planned for the FY08-09 budget. The truck needs to be ordered now and will be delivered sometime in August.

- ***Generator Grant for Fire Department***- Chief Bill Spear applied for a $10,500 grant to for a generator and the installation for the fire department. The grant requires matching funds of $10,500. He would like to use his FY08-09 building fund for the matching funds for this grant.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve $10,500 Fire Department Building fund match of $10,500. Motion approved. (4/0)

- *Fire Truck Lease*—the volunteer fire association will be purchasing an aerial fire truck. The Town will lease it from the Morrisville Firefighters' Association, Inc. Under an Assignment of Lease Agreement, the Town will make lease payments directly to the Union Bank. The lease will be effective 4/8/08, and it will run for ten years with payments beginning in December of 2008.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to resolve to enter into an agreement with the Morrisville Firefighters' Association, Inc. for the Equipment Lease/Purchase of an aerial Fire Truck. Brian Kellogg is authorized to sign documents on behalf of the Selectboard. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to sign Lease Agreement, Federal Tax Certificate and Assignment of Lease as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

- **Pavement cut Request-** Demars Properties had a change in venue from the previous request to install a sprinkler system that was approved. In order to turn the 20' easement over to Morrisville Water & Light as discussed previously, the State was going to require additional guidelines for Demars to follow and it was going to be more expensive than the original plan. Demars is asking to remain in possession of the 20' easement with the condition that they turn it over to Morrisville Water & Light when another business wishes to hook on to the system.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to approve pavement cut request for Demars Properties with the condition that they turn over the 20' easement to Morrisville Water & Light when another customer wishes to hook on to the sprinkler system. Motion approved (4/0)

- **Morristown Cemetery Association-** the Cemetery Association brought forth a contract that they would like to have Kings Property Maintenance sign, the contract is the same as what Kings signed 3 years ago with the exception of two changes, 1. Section 2, states "excess topsoil must be used up on each site first. 2. Section 3, part b: says that Both Maintenance crew and Morristown Cemetery Association representative contact Highway Superintendent with concerns.

- *Town Appointments:*
    - ***DRB-*** Carl Fortune resigned which left a vacancy on the Board. Carl's term was due to expire in 2010. Two applicants were interviewed for this vacancy by the DRB. The DRB gave a recommendation that either candidate would be suitable to the DRB and that whichever candidate that was not selected could serve as an alternate.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Ron Stancliff to the DRB to fill a vacancy left by Carl Fortune. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Chris Wiltshire as a DRB alternate .Motion approved. (4/0)

- *Morristown Recreation-* two letters of interest were received for the Recreation Council. Robyn Desrochers would like to be reappointed and Lisa Barrett would like to be appointed to fill a vacancy left by Mike Johnson.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to reappoint Robyn Desrochers to the Morristown Recreation Council for a term of one year ending March 2009. Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to appoint Lisa Barrett to the Morristown Recreation Council for a term of one year ending March 2009. Motion approved. (4/0)

- *Town Service Officer-* Sandy Neely is currently in this position. Dave Yacovone spoke to Sandy and she expressed that she would like to remain in this postion.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Brian Kellogg to reappoint Sandy Neely as Town Service Officer for a term of one year ending in March 2009. Motion approved. (4/0)

- *Fire Chief-* There were two letters received for this position; one from Bill Spear who is currently in the position and has been nominated for another two year term by the members. A letter of interest for the Fire Chief position was received from Wally Reeve. Dave Yacovone and Bob Beeman attended a Fire meeting and spoke with some of the members regarding their choice for a Fire Chief. There was an overwhelming response in favor of the Chief that the Members voted in. Several Members of the Fire Department came to the Selectboard meeting to show their support for Chief Bill Spear.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Dave Yacovone to reappoint Bill Spear as Fire Chief. Motion approved. (4/0)

- ***Department Head Liaisons- Board decided to table that discussion for next meeting.***

VI. TA REPORT

- Richard met with Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent; Don Avery Property Owner; Ed Stanack, State of Vermont Environmental Division regarding the Duhamel Pit and the Act 250 permit. Meeting went well; Bob is going to work with Ed to devise some amendments that need to be made.
- Police Department received another non matching grant for 4 more radios.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

- **Dave Yacovone-** Would like to see a community potluck put together for May. This might encourage talk about what the community would like to see happen, or change or just to keep the public informed in an informal way.
- **Brian Kellogg-** none
- **Todd Yando-** Road conditions- asked Bob how he determines what gets done and when. Todd had some phone calls regarding the condition of the roads. Bob says he does what he can keeping in mind fuel and man hours.
- **Bob Beeman**-None

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting(s)
- Approve & Sign Warrants

- Sign LCPC(Lamoille County Planning Commission) appointment letter.
- Approve and Sign Highway Annual Financial Plan

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (4/0)

ADJOURN

On a Motion by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando, the Board adjourned their meeting at 9:35PM. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).

Respectfully submitted and filed this 8th day of April 2008.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.