



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2022

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

TOWN STAFF: Eric Dodge, Town Administrator; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Jason Luneau, Interim Police Chief; William Mapes, EMS Chief; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk/Treasurer; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Todd Thomas, Planning Director; Tricia Follert*, Community Development Coordinator

PARTICIPANTS: Karen Autorino, Jane Campbell, John Meyer, Tom Snipp, Tony Cote, Sheila Tarbox, Tim & Coen Cookson, Ed Lowenstein*, Tom Moog

**participating via Zoom*

Chair Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:18 PM at the Municipal Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

1. Liquor catering permit

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022

Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of March 21, 2022. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Jessica Graham asked for a typo to be corrected. Motion carried (5/0).

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Tony Cote expressed his continued concern that in his opinion Cote Hill road is not being maintained adequately. He submitted a petition signed by 47 residents regarding the dirt road. (See attached). Tony asked for an update on the Act250 process and where the Town stands in obtaining the permit for phase III and suggested the Town hire an engineer to look at the building of town roads.

LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to enter into Board of Liquor Control, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Liquor license renewals were received from Blissrite Pizza Company Inc for the Board's approval.

Applicant/ Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
Blissrite Pizza Company Inc DBA Hoagie's Pizza & Pasta 65 Northgate Plaza Unit 5	Yes		Yes	

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve liquor license renewals as presented, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

Ten Thirteen LLC dba Moog's Place submitted a request to cater malt, vinous, and/or spiritual liquors for July 23, 2022, for the 6th Annual Oxbow Music Festival at the Oxbow Park.

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the request to cater malt, vinous, and/or spiritual liquors from Thirteen LLC dba Moog's Place for July 23, 2022, motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0)

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

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discuss Oxbow Music Festival #2 Application

Oxbow Music Festival, LLC (Nick Denoia) submitted an Oxbow Park Field Use Application for September 17, 2022, for an all-day music festival. Tom Moog attended the meeting to answer any questions. The name of the event will be "Keep on Growing" and it will be similar to the Oxbow Music Festival they have organized in the past. This will be a ticketed event with three live bands, food trucks, and informational booths. Among the sponsors for the event is Green Mountain Cannabis. The Board discussed the history of Oxbow Park and the sponsorship of events there. Jessica Graham suggested they offer incentives for people who walk or ride bikes to the event. Don discussed the Oxbow Music Festival appropriateness of local Cannabis businesses sponsoring the event. Jess Graham asked about the qualifications of the bartenders and wanted to make sure that give away items were appropriate and should not be to attract children.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of April 04, 2022. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Don requested that it be noted that the Selectboard discussed the Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Jessica Graham to approve the Oxbow Music Festival LLC park use application for September 17, 2022, for an all-day event. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

2. Approve Resolution renewing participation in the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District & Appoint a representative to the Board.

Jane Campbell & John Meyer appeared and gave a quick update on the Lamoille Fibernet Board (LFCUD). To learn more about the FFCUD visit their website: <https://lamoillefiber.net/>

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to sign a resolution renewing participation in the Lamoille Fibernet Communications Union District and to appoint Jane Campbell & John Meyer as Morristown's representatives to the Board. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).

3. Approve financing for 2023 International Dump Truck

Sara Haskins obtained three bids for the financing of a 2023 International dump truck. She recommended approving the bid from the Union Bank which offers the lowest interest rate.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the bid from the Union Bank for the 2023 International dump truck for a rate of 2.49% over a five-year term. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0).

4. Discuss writing letter of support for the Town of Worcester in regard to cell tower process

Bob Beeman shared a letter he received from John Kaeding, a member of the Worcester Selectboard, asking for a letter of support for the Town of Worcester in regard to the cell tower process. The Public Utilities Commission has the authority to overrule local zoning ordinances and allow for cell towers to be built in a community regardless if there is overwhelming opposition against the project. The Town of Worcester is asking local towns to join in with them to oppose this process.

Motion made by Jessica Graham to write a letter of support for the Town of Worcester in opposition to the cell tower. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0).

5. Approve Rules of Procedure for Jointly Appointed Subordinate Boards & Committees

Todd Thomas presented an amended version of the Rules of Procedure for Jointly Appointed Subordinate Boards & Committees. Changes were made in section #4 regarding the appointment of Board members.

Motion made by Jessica Graham to adopt the Rules of Procedure for Jointly Appointed Subordinate Boards & Committees. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (5/0).

6. Discuss application to DRB in regard to the waiver of 23 required on-site parking spaces (Nepveu Building)

Todd Thomas shared that the DRB received an application for a waiver of 23 required on-site

parking spaces (Nepveu Building); 19 are for residential units and 4 are for commercial spots. The deadline for the Selectboard to submit a letter to the DRB commenting on the waiver request is before Wednesday, April 27, 2022. The Board discussed the parking issue in the Village and past practices concerning the municipal parking lot.

Motion made by Don McDowell to write a letter to the DBR that although the Selectboard is in support of the development of this project they have concerns with the number of parking spots requested in the waiver. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0). Eric Dodge will draft a letter to review at the next Selectboard meeting.

7. Discuss Town Plan Selectboard Revisions

Todd Thomas presented a new version of the 2022-2030 Town plan. Don McDowell requested the addition of an emergencies service building after meeting with Jason Luneau and learning that the police department requires a bigger space.

Motion made by Don McDowell to adopt the language as presented in the 2022-2030 Town Plan with the addition of an emergency services building. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried (4/1). Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg N, Don McDowell Y.

APPROVE WARRANTS

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- Eric, Kevin Barrows & Scott Longe met with staff from Vtrans District 6. Vtrans reached out to discuss road projects in Morristown.
- Letters to Park Street residents are going out this week regarding the sidewalk.
- Act 250 is at the end of the process. There is a two-week deadline to submit a report. (reported during Community Concerns.)
- Thanked the staff for taking on the extra work due to the open AA position. Applications have been coming in and interviews will be set up soon.

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Bob Beeman: Thanked all the staff. He is enjoying being the liaison to the highway department and getting to know and hear from the full staff.

Judy Bickford: Thanked the road crew for all their hard work and the office staff for taking on the extra work.

Jessica Graham: Thanked the road crew, and office staff and also offered a belated thank you to everyone who helped with the elections. Jessica shared that although she expresses concerns for change, it is no reflection of the jobs that people are currently doing.

Brian Kellogg: Thanked the Highway Department and office staff for taking on the extra work.

Don McDowell: Thanked the road crew. Asked that the Declaration of Inclusion with VLCTs language be added to the next agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS

Sara Haskins shared she has slowly been working on making changes to the website. She asked to let her know if anyone notices missing links or information so she can correct them.

Motion made by Judy Bickford to enter Executive Session to discuss appointment or employment or evaluation of a public officer or employee subject to 1 V.S.A. Section 313 (4) of the Vermont Statutes to include Eric Dodge, Town Administrator. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Judy Bickford to come out of Executive Session. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Motion carried (5/0).

ADJOURN

Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Motion carried (5/0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed April 5, 2022

Sara Haskins, Scribe

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

