SELECTBOARD MEETING OF March 31, 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 Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator Mary Ann Wilson and Carol Bradley Finance Director.

Guests: Charles Cooley, Ed Debor, Dana Wildes, Todd Dueso, Peter Bourne, Craig Myotte.

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add sale of Air Compressor
2. Add Legal & Real Estate with possible executive session.

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

III. JOINT MEETING WITH VILLAGE TRUSTEES

1. **REVIEW & APPOINT DRB & PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS -** Selectboard and Village Trustees discussed the seats open for appointment on both boards. Ed Debor stated that he thought there was a policy in place that a member had to attend at least 50% of the meetings and it was his understanding that Tom Snipp had missed a number of meetings. In the future he suggested more feedback on how the members are performing on the board before it is time for appointments. Bob Beeman suggested that we reappointment the members now so that the Boards could continue their work. Mickey Smith suggested that we develop a reappointment committee with two members of the Selectboard and two members of the Village. Trustees thought that was a good idea and Ed suggested having Todd on that committee as well to get his input. Dan will start making arrangements with both boards in January so that by March when the appointments are due both boards will have the information needed.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to reappoint Tom Snipp and Yvette Mason to the Planning Council for a 4 year Term. Motion carried. (5/0)

Trustee Motion

Motion made by Dana Wildes, seconded by Peter Bourne to reappoint Tom Snipp & Yvette Mason to the Planning Council for a 4 year term. Motion carried. (4/0)

Trustee Motion
Motion made by Dana Wildes, Second by Peter Bourne to reappoint Karyn Allen & Brian Irwin to the DRB for a 4 year term. Motion carried. (4/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to reappoint Brian Irwin & Karyn Allen to the DRB for a 4 year term. Motion carried (5/0)

2. **RELICENSING OF DAMS-** The Village Trustees are in the process of relicensing their hydro plants. They are troubled by license conditions being recommended by the Agency of Natural Resource (ANR) staff. ANR is saying that a greater rate of water flow is needed in the bypass reaches for the water habitat. The hydro units are currently licensed with no bypass flow requirement and ANR wants the Village to significantly increase the flow rate. The problem is that water released into the bypasses is not used to generate energy. This results in less energy being generated from this renewable resource. The trustees say that this will cost about 9 million dollars over the term of a 30 year license which will impact the rate payers. The Selectboard feels that the best way to deal with this is to go straight to the top and to contact the Governor. The Village Trustees said they would appreciate any help they can get and will ask the consultant the Village has hired to determine the best role for the Selectboard to play in support of the Village.

3. **MANOSH SEWER ALLOCATION-** The Town had an agreement with the Howard Manosh that they would pay a portion of the sewer allocation fees to hook the Stonegrill, bank and the hotel onto the municipal sewer system. The original cost was $150,000 with the town paying $90,000 and Howard paying $60,000. Howard hired an engineer to study the usage which turned out to be less than what was estimated; therefore, amount owed has decreased to $ 32,000. Craig Myotte said they would need a payment of about $16,000 which they would then turn over to RLVallee for the main line sewer extension completed in the bypass right of way in accordance with the Village's sewer ordinances. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator mentioned that installing the sewer lines is a good investment. It keeps the businesses in town and allows them to expand; therefore, creating more jobs. Ed Debor mentioned that Dan & Todd did a lot of work on Tractor supply and the Trombley Hill Innovation Zone and they have hired Dan to oversee the Maple Street project. The Trustees need to pay them something for this service. The Village Trustees will come up with a proposal and present to the Selectboard.

4. **MAPLE STREET-** The Trustees have awarded the bid for the water & sewer portion of the project to GW Tatro, they have a pre construction meeting coming up on April 14, 2014.The bid came in about $200,000 less than expected. The Village hopes to start as soon as the weather allows. Dan Lindley said that buying the excavator together saved a lot of money on the project. We have saved more that we spent on the excavator. He hopes to start on the storm water portion of the project as soon as the water & sewer is complete and hopefully get some asphalt on it before next winter.

5. **COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT**- the Trustees would like to build a solar farm and wanted to know if the Town would be interested in working with them on the project. Dan said he will talk to Todd the planning director as he is the perfect person for the project.

6. **RENTAL FEE FOR LAMOILLE REGIONAL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT-** Boards discussed the $200 monthly rental fee that the Trustees are charging the LRSWMD for the Morrisville Transfer Station which is on land owned by

the Village. They have been able to use land owned by the Village for several years without a monthly rental fee being imposed. LRSWMD has been looking for land to purchase in the Morrisville area but have come up empty so far. Charles Cooley who is the representative for the Town sits on the LRSWMD board fears that the transfer station will be shut down as they won't be able to afford the rent once all the new laws fall in to place beginning in July 2014 which will place a burden on the other transfer stations as they will have to accommodate the extra trash and recycling. The Selectboard asked the Trustees if they would be willing to split the rental fee with them for a period of time. They also would like the 3 boards to work together and with Todd and Dan to find a more permanent location for the transfer station. The Trustees stated they will discuss the matter and come back to the Selectboard with a proposal.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. AWARD BID FOR CHARGING STATION- Tricia applied for a State grant in the amount of $10,000 to install a charging station, which would allow electric car users to plug in and charge their cars. She received three bids from Company Confidential, Voltrek, LLC and Charge Point. The base prices started at $6330 and went up to $7500. All had different options that could be added on such as extended warranties on equipment or monthly fees for software. Tricia recommended Charge Point who's bid price was $7178. She also recommended adding on a 5 year extended warranty which was $1970 for a total of $9194. The unit will allow customers to swipe a credit or debit card so they are paying for the usage instead of the Town or Water & Light. Mickey mentioned that Charge Point also has a website you can go to and map out where all their charging stations are so if you are traveling you know where to stop.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to award bid to Charge Point in the amount of $9194 for the purchase of a charging station. Motion carried. (5/0)

2. HIGHWAY FINANCIAL PLAN- the financial plan is needed every year to apply for the highway transportation grant.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to approve the Highway Financial Plan. Motion carried. (5/0)

3. ROAD & BRIDGE STANDARDS- Dan needs the board to sign the certification form that they have reviewed the standards and they do not accept them.

4. **ARTHURS GRANT-** This is the Community Block Grant that Housing Vermont applied for and received $600,000. The town is the applicant and needs to accept the grant and authorize Dan Lindley as the Town Administrator to sign the grant. A Town must be the applicant for these grants.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Arthurs Grant and authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to sign as the Town Representative. Motion carried (4/0) Steve abstained.

5. APPOINT FIRE CHIEF- the Fire Department Association has appointed Denny Digregario as the Fire Chief. The Selectboard needs to affirm that appointment.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to appoint Denny Digregario as the Fire Chief for Morristown.

6. ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF RESCUE EMPLOYEE- Diana Osborne has resigned as the Trainer for the Rescue Department.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept resignation from Diana Osbourne. Motion carried, (5/0)

7. DISCONTINUE OLD COUNTY RD. - This is basically a formality as it is not on any of the Town maps. Old County Rd. is described[please see attached map] as beginning at the top of Main Street & A Street and ending at the A street Bridge**.**

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Min Cote to discontinue Old County Road. Motion carried. (5/0)

8. AIR COMPRESSOR- Dana Douglass would like to purchase the old air compressor (1965 Binks) for $100.00. It is no longer used by the highway department.

Motion made by Min Cote to approve sale of air compressor to Dana Douglass in the amount of $100. Motion carried (5/0)

9. MORRISVILLE DEVELOPMENT FUND- There is a property that will be going up for tax sale that the MDF lent money too. Dan wanted to make the Selectboard aware that he will need to speak with the Town Attorney to discuss what the Town options may be as we hold a lien on it.

V. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter session as Board of Liquor Control. Motion carried.(5/0)

License Renewals

Sharon McGaughan (dba 10th Hole)	First Class and outside consumption
Bees Knees	First Class and outside consumption

Motion made by Min Cote Seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve Liquor Licenses as presented. Motion carried. (5/0)

Mary Ann also stated that River Arts had applied for a Gallery Permit for 3/24 which was denied by DLC and one for 4/19 which was approved by DLC.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to come out of Board of liquor control and enter regular selectboard session. (5/0)

VI. TA REPORT

1. We are required by Policy to notify the Selectboard regarding red flag compliance.
2. Park Street sidewalk project will hopefully start soon. This is a project that the state is doing. They will be replacing the sidewalk from Richmond Street to the last house on Park Street.
3. Munson Earth moving got the bid for the Rail Trail project for this area.

Steve Rae asked Dan if the heavy equipment was being used properly. He feels that some equipment such as the loaders is being used to much. The Highway department seems to be using it a lot to move snow and they seem to be winging back the banks more than usual. He is concerned that this will cause the Town to have to replace equipment sooner and wondered if it was necessary and if there was a way to keep track of the necessity of it. Brian asked how and who would keep track of it.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Steve Rae- None
Min Cote- Will we be paving Garfield road? Dan said no it is not on the schedule. Min also mentioned that we need to do something about the pigeons on top of the Clock tower. Dan suggestion getting some owls, to deter them from landing there.
Brian Kellogg- was asked about the posting of the roads and who is in charge of that. Dan said Roland is the contact person as he is on the roads every day and knows what condition they are in.
Bob Beeman- none
Mickey Smith- Have we had the Bridge Inspections this year and did we pass? Dan said the State inspects the bridges every other year and suggests repairs that need to be made. They did them last fall.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by Mickey Smith, seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda with changes to #3 Town Appointments Green Up Coordinator should say add Ron Stancliff as Co- Coordinator. Ron and Steve are to be Co-Coordinators. Also include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to the Motion to enter Executive Session. Motion carried (5/0)

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Executive Session for Real Estate, Legal & Personnel.

Motion made by Steve Rae, seconded by Min Cote to enter executive session for Real Estate, Legal & Personnel to include Dan Lindley and Mary Ann Wilson[for real estate]. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Brian Kellogg to exit executive session and enter regular selectboard session. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourned the meeting at 9:30.PM.Motion carried (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 1st 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.