



## SELECTBOARD MINUTES

MARCH 29, 2004

Members Present: Brian Greenia, James Paige, Shaun Bryer and Brian Kellogg

Members Absent: Cathy Voyer

Department Heads: Paul D. McGinley, TA; Chief Richard Keith and Dorothy Cook

Guests: Bob Miller, VT Journal; Dr. Terry Bailey, GMTCC; Jeannie Smith, Adelphia; Andre de Saint Phalle, GMATV; Bruce Bowser, Adelphia; Steve Ames, River Arts/Adelphia; George Cook, MRS; Brad Limoge, News & Citizen; J. B. McKinley, News & Citizen; Representative, Shap Smith; Scott Corse, MW&L and Heidi Krantz, Com. Coordinator

Chair Brian Greenia called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility.

## GUESTS

### ADELPHIA:

Jeannie Smith, General Manager of Adelphia and Bruce Bowser, Technical Manager were present to answer questions regarding Public Access and they explained live drops and power links (two way fiber-optic or coaxial-cable drops). Adelphia has pledged to provide drops to schools, libraries, AMO and municipalities that are located within 500 feet of a cable plant. Discussion included installing the necessary wiring for a live drop during construction of the proposed Town Hall/Library complex, that way when the Town is ready to go live, they would be ready.

Dr. Bailey and Mr. de Saint Phalle reported on the status of Green Mountain Access Television, Inc. located at the Green Mountain Technology & Career Center in Hyde Park. A May 1, 2004 grand opening is tentatively scheduled, but may be changed to accommodate the Governor's schedule. Mr. de Saint Phalle stated that programs would be available to enable community members to become trained to run equipment or learn how to run a live switch set up to do live to tape shows. He remarked that one must first complete two live to tape shows before doing a truly live show.

It was estimated that the cost to set up for a public access live drop would be approximately \$5,000, \$3,000 for installation and \$2,000 for studio equipment. Mrs. Smith stated that as fiber optic is very expensive, the company would not want to install it unless the town had the necessary equipment to operate. Equipment will be available to borrow from GMATV, but there would be additional costs for laser transmitters etc. as one would be required at each drop. Of the 1400 cable customers, 700 are located in



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### FA&A CONTRACT ON NORTH END STORMWATER:

Chair Greenia signed the contract with FA&A, which had been approved at a prior meeting with the Administrative Assistant as witness to his signature.

### LISTER POSITION:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter and resume from Charles A. McArthur of town expressing his interest in the advertised Lister position. The Board agreed to schedule a meeting with Mr. McArthur in Executive Session at 5:30 PM at the next regular Board meeting on April 12, 2004 with the other Listers invited.

### GUEST

#### BRAD LIMOGÉ – NEWS & CITIZEN:

Per prior discussion between Chair Greenia and Mr. Limogé, it was agreed for Mr. Limogé to come in and meet with the entire Board to discuss the timeliness of receiving the *Town Report*. Mr. Limogé explained that due to the size of Morristown's report the book must be sent out for perfect binding, as the report is too large to be saddle stitched, which he has the capability of doing in house. He explained that he unfortunately has no control over his sub-contractor's schedule. Chair Greenia stated that due to receiving the report so late, the Town was in technical violation and must be addressed at next years Town Meeting.

Suggestions to expedite future reports included printing two separate reports, one for the Town and one for the School. Mr. Limogé stated that by doing this, he would be able to keep the work all in house and avoid sending the report out for binding. He further stated that the Town information is usually prepared and available for print before the School's is. The change in the physical size of the report to an 8 ½" by 11" was favored over the smaller reports done in the past.

Further discussion included whether certain information, such as audits and individual agencies' reports could be eliminated from the report to cut back on the number of pages. It was felt that the Town Report is considered to be a permanent record and point of reference for important Town information, and it probably would not be wise to cut out this information.

#### PAPER OF RECORD:

A request by the Vermont Journal to be considered as the Paper of Record was tabled from the last meeting. The Town's *Paper of Record* has been the News & Citizen and the



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### PORTLAND STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT STPEH01(28):

In an email, Laurie Smith the Enhancement Coordinator for the Portland Street project expressed her concerns about the feasibility of the project due to the length of time and the fact that we are starting over at the conceptual plans stage.

The Board felt the Town could use the \$33,000+ dollars budgeted for this project on other projects in Town where sidewalk work is needed. The sidewalk down Water Trough Hill was discussed as a much needed site.

***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Brian Kellogg, the Board voted to discontinue the pursuit of the Portland Street Sidewalk Project STPEH01(28) grant at this time.***

Board Member Kellogg expressed his concerns on the importance and need for a sidewalk to the Oxbow Park sometime in the future.

### BROOKLYN STREET SIDEWALK AND WATER PROJECT:

The Village approached the Town a few months ago in regards to putting in a new water line down Brooklyn Street before construction of the new sidewalk and curb and before we repave the entire street. Bob Merchant, the project manager and Bill Preis of VTrans have been in contact with the Village regarding the requirements of the State. Scott Corse stated that the Village is trying to be proactive and not wait to do the water line project and have to dig up the street two or three years after the Town's sidewalk project has been completed.

Discussion included where water shut offs would be located, traffic control, the number of hours that construction would be allowed during the day, the two projects being kept separate and home owners being given the option to replace their own water line from the shut off to their house (at their own expense) while the contractor is onsite. Traffic control was the biggest concern and local residents will be advised to avoid Bridge Street whenever possible. Traveling alternate routes such as Rte 15A will be suggested. The Town Administrator will talk with Amy Noyes on a press release to help with the traffic situation.

### OTHER BUSINESS

Member Bryer asked the other Board members for their feelings on the Adelpia situation and overall the Board thought that things went well. Shaun will keep on top of the matter and will send a FYI to the PSB.



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Two committees have been designed to handle the project from here on out. There will be a Building Committee as well as a Finance Committee each having from five to seven members. There will be two Town representatives, two Library representatives, a Selectboard member and two community members. The Town Administrator will sit on both committees. After much discussion, it was determined that Shaun Bryer would sit on the Building Committee and Brian Greenia would sit on the Finance Committee, although it was strongly urged that any Board member, when available attend any of the meetings. An ad will be placed in the paper seeking interested persons interested in serving on either of these committees.

Chair Greenia felt that there was additional funding available over and above what has already been looked at. Librarian Mary West contacted Mr. Greenia over the weekend regarding a \$15,000 Freeman Foundation grant that the Library was applying for and was told that the Freeman Foundation is very interested in the project.

***On a motion by James Paige, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board authorized the Town Administrator to have the properties appraised and sign the "Right of First Refusal" documents on behalf of the Town.***

Member Bryer briefly mentioned the SCBA grants that the MFD is applying for.

### APPOINTMENT:

A letter from the Forest Protection Specialist was acknowledged requesting that Dennis DiGregorio be reappointed to the position of Town Forest Fire Warden. As this position was part of the blanket appointment list approved at the last meeting, all that was necessary was for the Board to sign the Reappointment Form.

### JOINT MEETING:

Everyone was reminded of the joint meeting regarding the Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement between the Village and the Town on April 7, 2004 at 5:30 PM at the MW&L facility.

### WARRANTS

***On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Shaun Bryer, the Board authorized the warrants as presented on the March 28, 2004 memorandum. (Attached)***



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Respectfully submitted and filed this 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2004.

*Barbara Cochran*, Administrative Assistant

These minutes will be presented for approval at the next regular meeting.

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Minutes Approved

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Date

March 29, 2004

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