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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF MARCH 21, 2011

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Min Cote, Mickey Smith, Bob Beeman and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.

Guests: Laurie Hurley, Steve Rae, Jack Currier, Sonny Demars, and Chris Ransom

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg, Chair.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CHANGES/ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. None

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Steve Rae- Tuesday March 29th Vermont Council on Rural Development will be holding a Community Visit Day beginning at 2:30. Workshops will be conducted at the Senior Center, the Tegu Building and the Union Bank. There will also be a Community Dinner at the VFW at 6:00pm.
- Chris Ransom-
  - Where do we stand on the clock tower? Dan Lindley, Town Administrator said that we are waiting the thirty days after Town Meeting as required by law.
  - Stairs at Hutchins Street should be shoveled, and the Union Bank Gazebo has not been shoveled very well this winter.

III. BOARD REORGANIZATION

1. ***Appoint Department head/Selectboard Liaisons:***

Current Liaisons are: Fire- Brian Kellogg
Police- Bob Beeman
Rescue- Dave Yacovone
Highway- Todd Yando (replaced by Mickey Smith)
General Government- Min Cote

Min suggested that he move to highway since he has some experience in that area. Mickey said he would take on General Government.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve the following Department Head / Selectboard Liaisons: Fire-Brian Kellogg; Police-Bob Beeman; Rescue-Dave Yacovone; Highway-Min Cote; General Government-Mickey Smith. Motion approved (5/0)

2. ***Appoint Morrisville Development Fund Board Representative:*** Bob Beeman volunteered for this.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to appoint Bob Beeman as the MDF Board Representative. Motion Approved. (5/0)

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. ***Vermont Highway Standards-*** This is a guideline that the State of Vermont has put out for Town. If adopted the Town could get more money from State Grants. Dan Lindley, Town Administrator feels that it would cost the Town by far more money to follow the guidelines than we would get in grant funds. The Selectboard reviewed the highway standards and chose to pass over them.

2. ***Class II Paving and Structures Grants***- there is up to $175,000 in grant funds available in each category. The last project we received funds on was for the Stagecoach Rd and we received the full $175,000 grant. This year we will apply for Randolph Road for the Class II Paving Grant and we will apply for the Cady's Falls Bridge for the Structures Grant.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone to authorize Dan to apply for both the Class II Highway Paving and Structures Grants. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. **Highway Retirement Resignation-** Dave Hoisington will be retiring as of March 31, 2011. We plan to have a retirement celebration for him but probably not until April or May when the weather calms down a bit.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Bob Beeman to accept Dave Hoisington's resignation as of March 31, 2011 and send a letter thanking him for his years of service. Motion approved. (5/0)

4. **Highway Personnel Issues-**

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Min Cote to enter Executive Session at 6:15PM for personnel issues to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator & Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, Seconded by Min Cote to come out of Executive Session and enter Regular Session at 6:20PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to move Ray Lacasse up to a Highway Equipment Operator/Laborer Level II, Grade 3 Step 3, and hire Tim Cookson as Permanent Full-time Highway Equipment Operator/Laborer Level II, Grade 3 Step 1. Motion approved. (5/0)

5. **Highway Financial Plan-** Selectboard reviewed the VT State Annual Highway Financial Plan for 2011-2012.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve the Highway Financial Plan for 2011-2012 with Income of $1,800,252.00 and Expenses of $1,800, 252.00. Motion approved. (5/0)

V. TA REPORT

- Working on the Rt. 100 Sidewalk project. Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator/Planner will be taking over the scoping study on the project. Should have study complete and ready for earmark by next construction season.
- Carpeting for the Tegu building: the lease states that the replacement is only for the hallway. Dan suggests we replace it as it will not look good/last for another 5 years.
- Necessity Hearings for the bypass will be on March 28th.
- As Steve Rae mentioned, we will be holding the Community Visit Project sponsored by Vermont Council on Rural Development on March 29th.
- Should have recommendations from the results of the over flight of the BED Sewer Extension within the next month.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. **Recreation Trail-** Sonny Demars would like to construct a Recreation Trail in the BED area, he is currently working with Ken Harvey, the Village of Morrisville and the Family center who are adjacent land owners. The Town would eventually take over the trail and the maintenance, but there would be no cost to the Town as far as any land purchase or construction costs. The Selectboard thinks it would be great for our community.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- Great job by the Highway Department for their upkeep on the roads
Bob Beeman- Highway has done a great job with our roads
Mickey Smith- none
Dave Yacovone- none
Min Cote- Dan answered his concern as to whether it is time to apply for the Cady's Falls Bridge from the structures grant program.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 03-14-2011
2. **2.** Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 22th day of March
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated and are approved at the next meeting.