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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF March 14, 2005

Members Present: Jim Paige, Cathy Voyer, Brian Kellogg, Shaun Bryer, Steve Bousquet

Department Heads: Tag Taginski, Richard Keith, and Mary Ann Wilson

Guests:

Jim Paige called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Morrisville Water & Light Facility. Following he offered a welcome to the Board for Steve Bousquet elected at Town Meeting. Jim indicated election of the Chair and other reorganization matters would be addressed later in the meeting.

GUESTS: See attached list

Zoning Amendment Hearing - Mark Leonard presented information regarding the amendment to the zoning ordinance dealing with allowing banners. MACC presented a sample of the design of the banners.

Following discussion, Brian Kellogg made a motion, seconded by Cathy Voyer to adopt the zoning amendment as warned. The motion passed unanimously.

Cady Falls Water Company – Don Osler, presented plans for improving the Cady Falls Water System. He gave a brief history of the system and service area. Mr. Osler indicated the CFWS Board was happy with the protection afforded the wellhead protection area in the current zoning ordinance. The Board thanked Mr. Osler for being informed about their plans.

LHP Housing Consortium Hearing – Jenny Hyslop of the Central Vermont Community Land Trust provided information regarding the proposed revolving loan fund through the three county consortium and funded through a community development grant. Discussion was held and Board members express opinions about the administrative costs, need for single family housing, and funding allocation by county in addition to other matters. Following discussion, Chairman Paige stated that the Board would take the information from this hearing and supplemental information under advisement until the Board's next meeting before signing the resolution in support of the program.

Municipal Facilities Committee – Jim Paige stated that following a Committee meeting on Thursday, Paul Griswold said he would not attend the Select Board meeting and that the Committee needed another two weeks to finish a report on the building study. Discussion followed on the future of the Committee and what the next step would be on the Library Municipal building project.

Marcy Young – Addressed the Board with a complaint about ice on sidewalks in the Village area.

OLD BUSINESS:
Minutes:

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Shaun Bryer to approve the minutes of February 28, 2005 Jim Paige asked the minutes be correct to properly reflect his vote on the list of liquor licenses. The motion to approve the minutes with corrections passed unanimously.

Liquor Licenses – Mary Ann Wilson presented a listing (attached) of liquor licenses applying for renewal.

On a motion by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Steve Bousquet the Board convened as the Local Liquor Control Board. The motion passed 4–0-1, Jim Paige voting to abstain.

Following discussion, Cathy Voyer made a motion, seconded by Steve Bousquet, to approve the list of liquor licenses as presented. The motion passed 4-1 with Jim Paige voting against.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Jim Paige, to adjourn as the Local Liquor Board and reconvene as the Select Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Walkins Ravine Storm Water – Tag informed the Board of the status of the project and its expected start date of October 2005. He also indicated this project would begin as the Brooklyn Street sidewalk project was concluding.

Highway Superintendent – Tabled by consent.

NEW BUSINESS:

Child Care Connection – Tag highlighted information previously given to the Board on a request by a group called Child Care Connection who were seeking approval to apply for a community development block grant though the Town.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Cathy Voyer and seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve moving forward with a hearing on the proposed grant application to be held on April 11, 2005.

Reorganization – The Board reviewed and discussed a draft organizational chart of the Town of Morristown. The Board asked the TA to research samples of other municipal organizational structures. **A motion was made by Cathy Voyer and seconded by Jim Paige to nominate Shaun Bryer as Chair. Motion passed unanimously**. By consensus it was agreed to prepare a list of other appointments and consider those at the next meeting along with discussion on the role of Board liaisons.

SIGN WARRANTS:
Payroll/Accounts Payable – **Motion was made by Brian Kellogg and seconded by Shaun Bryer to approve the Warrant as presented for February 28, 2005. The motion passed unanimously.**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:
Report from TA- Tag reminded the Board of a Vermont Senate Transportation hearing scheduled for March 16th at 10:30 AM at which time Morristown officials were to present arguments for completion of the Truck Route By-Pass discussion was held on that project as well as the B-Street bridge project. Tag informed the Board of worsening road conditions on Fraizer Road as well as other gravel roads

due to the beginning of "mud season". A brief discussion was held on the timing of a review of bids for the purchase of a loader and tandem dump truck.

GENERAL OPEN DISCUSSION:

Shaun proposed a committee be formed to study opportunities for regionalizing fire and ambulance services. Discussion was held on the merits of forming the committee and a recap of a meeting with the Fire Department attended by Tag and Brian Kellogg.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion made by Cathy Voyer, seconded by Shaun Bryer to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing the petition by the Highway Department to form a union and employment applicants/staffing. Motion passed unanimously. 8:00 PM.

Motion made by Cathy Voyer and seconded by Jim Paige to leave executive session at 8:20 PM. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE ACTION:

ADJOURN:

Motion made by Cathy Voyer seconded by Jim Paige to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted and filed this ___ day of March, 2005.

Francis Taginski
Town Administrator