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MORRISTOWN

SELECTBOARD MEETING OF March 9, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer (arrived at 6:20PM), Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent and Heidi Krantz, Community Coordinator

Guests: Min Cote, Chris Ransom, Ron Stancliff, Paul Trudell, Heather Sargent

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

I. AGENDA CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. MACC Presentation on the Business Office Park
2. Remove Personnel Issues from TA Report

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. MACC made a presentation to the Selectboard outlining their ideas for the Business Office Park (BOP), they reviewed our town polices in reference to the Town Plan. They feel that the BOP should complement the downtown and existing business and not out do it. They feel that we should make use of existing buildings and infrastructure, and when we are developing the bylaws for the BOP we should prohibit retail and restaurants, because they feel that would take away from the downtown. The Selectboard thanked MACC for their presentation and invited them back to discuss their ideas when we have the public hearing. The public hearing is currently not scheduled.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Reorganization of the Board-**

Brian Kellogg nominated Shaun Bryer for Chair, Dave Yacovone seconded the nomination. Motion approved. (4/1). Shaun abstained

Shaun Bryer nominated Brian Kellogg as vice Chair, Dave Yacovone seconded the nomination. Motion approved. (4/1) Brian abstained.

The Selectboard discussed Department Head Liaison's generally the Selectboard changes departments every year. Dave felt that he was just learning the ins and outs of rescue and would like to stay the same. Brian felt the same; that everyone should stay with the department the currently work with.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone for the Board/Department Head Liaisons to remain the same. Motion approve (5/0)

2. **Town Appointments-**

Fire Department Chief- One letter of interest received from Bill Spear asking to remain as Fire Chief..

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to appoint current Chief Bill Spear, motion approved. (5/0)

Appointments for the Animal Control, Pound Keeper, Green up Coordinator, Fire Warden Tree Warden, and E911 Coordinator all remained the same so the board decided to move as a group.
Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve as a group. Motion approved. 4/1 Brian Abstained.

Town Services Officer- Sandra Nealy agreed to do the position again this year. No other letters of interest were received.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to appoint Sandra Nealy as Town Service Officer. Motion approved. 5/0

Health Officer- we received a letter of interest and Mark Leonard the current Health Officer agreed to do the position again. The position is not up until July 1, 2009. Dan will talk with Mark and the other interested candidate and make a recommendation to the Board at a May meeting.

Emergency Management- Officer Mike Reeve offered to do the position again; however, Dan Lindley, Town Administrator suggested that he meet with Mike Reeve and Richard Keith to discuss the position. Dan feels that it is not appropriate to have a first responder appointed to this position.

DRB & Planning Commission- there are 3 letters of interest for the DRB and 2 for the Planning commission. The Selectboard suggested that each board should interview candidates and make a recommendation.

Morristown Development Fund- No letters of interest received for this position.

3. **Bridge Inspection Report**- The State inspects our bridges every two years. We received a report from them outlining issues with bridges. Todd asked why we need to sign the report if they don't do anything to help us fix them. Signing the report is just acknowledging that we received, reviewed and discussed it.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Shaun Bryer to sign acknowledgment of report and send back to the State. Motion approved. 4/1 Todd Yando voted no.

4. Central Vermont Community Development Consortium- Home share is asking for the Boards blessing to apply for a $200,000 grant. The Town would have no involvement other than to support the consortium.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to support CDBG Home Share Grant. Motion approved. 5/0

5. Federal Earmark for Library- Dan prepared a letter of support for the Board to sign. Senator Welch's office has contacted the library asking them to fill out application for federal earmark funds. This could help with the building expense of the new addition.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to sign letter of support. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Dave Yacovone to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 7:05 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve liquor license application for Bournes Food Mart. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Todd Yando to exit the Board of Liquor Control and enter regular session at 7:10 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Community Dinner**- Shaun mentioned that the school did a community dinner last month and they plan to do one once a quarter. He thought maybe we could get together with the school and take turns planning the dinners. Heidi will check into this.

2. **4th of July Coordinator-** Heidi thought having an informational meeting might help spark the community's interest. We did advertise the position in the paper but no interest so far. Heidi feels that we need to let people know that the 4th won't happen without the community's input.
3. **Fairpoint Right of Way Application-** Dan spoke to Fair Point and they are aware of our needs when it comes to the Bridge Street Bridge construction. They are willing and have committed to help in any way they can. They have had an engineer out to the site and have looked at it already.

Motion made by Dave Yacvone, seconded by Brian Kellogg to sign right of way application for FairPoint Communications to replace poles along Route 100 within the village limits. Motion approved 5/0

VI. TA REPORT

1. **Bridge Street Bridge Update –**

   i. All the information is out to the contractors to include updated RFP, proposed contract language, prints on existing bridge, and topo of area. We have a lot of interest in the project from a number of contractors and I plan to be there for when bids are received.

   ii. We have had a good response from the utilities. Comcast is not a problem and Fairpoint has made a firm commitment to work with us and should have a timeline to me within a few weeks.

   iii. I plan to contact our legislatures to see where we are on the proposed match from the state

   iv. Want to thank Jim Fontaine from Water & Light. He has been a huge help to me

2. There is an interactive television meeting upcoming on the federal stimulus funding and I plan to attend that.

3. We had a meeting last week with Vtrans and they presented an update on the bypass

i. Still on for construction in 2012

ii. They will be finishing up ROW acquisitions this summer. I offered for the Town to host any meetings they would like to have with landowners. All the funding for ROW is in this year's budget

iii. They have a new project manager assigned as well and the contract for the construction management company has been re-signed

iv. We are going to start meeting quarterly so that we can all be updated on the progress.

v. LCPC is working to schedule a meeting with the Senate Transportation Committee.

vi. I have also been working with congressman Welch's office on this project.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Dave Yacovone- would like to set up a meeting with the surrounding town selectboards to meet at the Stone Grill on April 20th to discuss the county collaborative.
Brian Kellogg- None.
Shaun Bryer- Informational meeting tomorrow night. All liaisons should be familiar with their department's budget.
Bob Beeman – Road conditions are muddy. Bob Melfy said they were out over the weekend working on them.
Todd Yando – Petition that MACC handed the board regarding the BOP has minor's signatures on it as well as non residents.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of February 23, 2009
2. Approve & Sign Warrants- Tina had a family emergency and did not have the warrants prepared, but will be back in the office on Tuesday and will have them ready for the Board to sign on Wednesday.
3. Approve & Sign Lease Agreement with the State of Vermont and the Police Department.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to authorize Todd Yando to sign Warrants on Wednesday, March 11, 2009. Motion approved. 5/0

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to approve Consent Agenda. Motion approved. (5/0)

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 10th day of March 2009.
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.