



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2022

MEMBERS: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford*, Jessica Graham, Brian Kellogg and Don McDowell

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Kevin Barrows, *Highway Superintendent*; Dennis DiGregorio, *Fire Chief*; Eric Dodge, *Town Administrator*; Sarah Hyde, *Administrator's Assistant*; Jason Luneau, *Interim Police Chief*; Tina Sweet, *Finance Director*; Bill Mapes, *EMS Chief*; Tricia Follert, *Community Development Coordinator*

PARTICIPANTS: Nina Church, Laura Streets*, Jamie Brewster, Tom & Christy Snipp*

**participating via Zoom*

Chair Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:03 PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

1. Reverse items 1 and 2 under "Selectboard Organization"
2. Add "Review and Approve TA-60 Form"
3. Add "Discuss Park Street Sidewalk"

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22, 2022

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the minutes of February 22, 2022 with deletion of her Selectboard Concern comment requested by Jessica Graham. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None.

LIQUOR CONTROL

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Don McDowell, the Selectboard recessed their regular meeting to meet as the Board of Liquor Control at 6:07 PM.

BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Liquor license renewals were received from Moogs Place, Mountain View Campground, CVS Pharmacy, Cumberland Farms, Pizza on Main, and River Arts for the Board's approval.

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Don McDowell, the Board of Liquor Control approved the applications as listed on the memorandum dated March 7, 2022. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (5/0).

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Don McDowell, the Board of Liquor Control adjourned at 6:08 PM and the meeting was resumed as the Selectboard meeting. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (5/0).

SELECTBOARD REORGANIZATION

1. Elect Vice-Chair

Motion made by Jessica Graham to appoint Judy Bickford as Vice-Chair of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0). Judy Bickford abstained.

2. Elect Chair

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Bob Beeman as Chair of the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Roll Call: Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0). Bob Beeman abstained.

3. Appoint Department Liaisons

The Selectboard reorganized the department liaisons as follows:

Highway Department	Bob Beeman
General Government	Jessica Graham
Police Department	Don McDowell
Fire Department	Brian Kellogg
EMS Department	Judy Bickford

4. Town Appointments

Motion made by Don McDowell to appoint the following officers and members to their respective positions. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham N, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/1).

Appointed Officers

LSWMD Representative	Charles Cooley
Emergency Mgmt. Coordinator	Eric Dodge
E-911 Coordinator	Abbie Griggs
Health Officer	Todd Thomas
Deputy Health Officer	Eric Dodge
Pound Keeper	Brian Kellogg
Animal Control	John St. Amour
Fence Viewer	Duane Sprague
Green Up Day Coordinator	Jenifer Andrews/MCC
Tree Warden	Fran Sladyk

Boards & Commissions

Tom Snipp	Planning Commission
Melissa LeBlanc	Development Review Board
Laura Streets	Development Review Board
Jim Pease	Conservation Commission
Dave Stevens	Conservation Commission
Steve Leach	Morristown Development Fund
Mary Ann Wilson	Morristown Development Fund
Brent LaBree	LCPC Board Representative
Judy Bickford	LCPC Board Representative

The board discussed a concern brought up by Jessica Graham about the Parks & Recreation Committee disbanding and the Recreation Coordinator position being the sole person for running Rec in the town. She wants to make sure the new person will be able to manage all the aspects of the Parks & Rec committee and be receptive to all ideas when envisioning the future of Recreation for the Town. She questioned who would be overseeing this role. Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator, answered that this person would be handling all aspects of Parks & Recreation. Committee information would be passed on to them when they come on board. Tricia said there is no way this role could operate and be managed by a board. This position is overseen by the Town Administrator and will be the conduit through which all Rec information will be collected and disseminated, and the Town is always open to hearing from the public and will do what is possible to accommodate requests.

Jamie Brewster asked what the process is to remove members from a board. Eric explained that any jointly appointed subordinate board and committee that does the business of Morristown and Morrisville shall be appointed by a majority of each legislative body. The board can choose not to reappoint members at Town Meeting.

At Jessica's request, the board discussed whether there is currently a vacancy list for appointed positions being maintained and concerns around term limits. Eric replied that we

have not had any board vacancy requests since he's been here. Jess wanted Eric to look into elected board seats rather than appointed. Brian suggested interested citizens go to the meetings of the boards and give their input rather than change the whole process. Laura Streets, on Zoom, mentioned that she hears that people are interested but get no confirmation that they have expressed interest, and that there's never any chair turnover to allow others to step in. Christy Snipp shared her experience that although there were a few people that expressed interest, she was the only interested applicant that showed up to the interviews for a DRB position.

5. Set Regular Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to set the Selectboard meeting schedule for the 1st and 3rd Mondays of every month at 6:00 PM. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (5/0).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approve TA-60 Form (Highway Financial Form)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the TA-60 Form. Motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham N, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (5/0).

2. Discuss Park Street Sidewalk

A Park Street resident was inquiring about the sidewalk. Eric needs the board to give an affirmative answer in order to start applying for the easements. Kevin said out of all the sidewalks in the village, Court Street was at the top of the list for needing replacement. The concrete is so uneven our equipment can't maintain them. West High Street is also very bad. Eric cannot make plans for the sidewalks on the list until the board makes a decision about Park Street. There is roughly \$39,000 in this year's budget and \$40,000 in next year's budget for sidewalks. The board thinks it would be good to do an inventory of all sidewalks and their condition. Eric said inventory couldn't be done until Summer 2023. Village resident Nina Church said she would like to be a part of the process as an avid walker, and help give her input. A speed sign will be going at the bottom of the hill on Park Street soon. Jess would like to see more info on funding sources before the inventory. Brian said we need to find out if people will give the Town easements first. Eric will draft a letter and see what the Park Street residents think about obtaining easements since it will be at their own cost.

***** Selectwoman Judy Bickford exited the meeting *****

3. Discuss Declaration of Inclusivity

The board was presented with several statements from other towns and organizations, and the board agreed on using the format Waterbury chose. It states: "Waterbury condemns racism and welcomes all people, regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity or

expression, age, or disability, and will protect these classes to the fullest extent of the law. As a town, we formally condemn discrimination in all of its forms and commit to fair and equal treatment of everyone in our community. Waterbury has and will continue to be a place where individuals can live freely and express their opinion.” A draft for Morristown will be presented at the next meeting.

4. Approve part-time EMS hire

Motion made by Don McDowell to offer the position of part time EMS to Evan Gaskill at \$19.53 per hour. This position is regularly scheduled to work up to 29 hours a week. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

5. EMS Volunteer Roster Addition

Motion made by Jessica Graham to add volunteer Emma Bornanno to the EMS roster. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

6. Approve MCC Bylaws Reprint

Motion made by Jessica Graham to adopt the reinscribed but unchanged bylaws of the Morristown Conservation Commission. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

7. Review and Approve Recreation Coordinator Job Description

Motion made by Don McDowell to approve the Recreation Coordinator Job Description. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

8. Review and Approve “Afterschool and Summer Expanding Access” Grant of \$100,000 Over Two Years

This grant is from Covid funds to improve the options for afterschool and summer programs. The town is applying for \$100,000 for a two-year period.

Motion made by Don McDowell to authorize Tricia Follert, Community Development Coordinator, to apply for the Afterschool and Summer Expanding Access Grant. This grant will be \$50,000 a year for 2 years. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants as presented. Motion seconded by Don McDowell. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Eric Dodge reported the following notes out of the Administration Office:

- Eric invited the whole board to the upcoming Staff Meeting this week.
- The paving RFP will be going out this week.
- The Bridge RFP is going out soon. Eric needs to touch base with engineer Tyler Mumley.
- Eric gave a big thank you to the Highway Department for all they are doing.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Bob Beeman: None.

Judy Bickford: Not present.

Jessica Graham: Welcomed Don to the board. She enjoyed working with Gary and is sorry to see him go. She wants to make sure we have a regulatory board for Cannabis control, set up a radius requirement. Eric said the Selectboard is the control board for Cannabis and he reported that retail can begin 10/1/22. Eric will contact VLCT for more info to help the board understand the process. Jess had a conversation with Dave Yacovone about working more collaboratively with other boards such as the local schoolboard and Village Trustees about capital expenses. Bob said we already do. She asked how we can create more of a visioning process for the town. She would like to see a facilitated, pre-arranged discussion for the future of the Town.

Brian Kellogg: Welcomed Don to the board. Thanks to all the Town Departments for everything they do.

Don McDowell: Thanked Eric Dodge, Sarah Hyde and the board members for helping to welcome him.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Don McDowell to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Don McDowell Y. Motion carried (4/0).

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this March 11, 2022

Sarah Hyde, Scribe

Please note all minutes are in Draft form and are subject to approval at the next Selectboard meeting.

Local Liquor License Memorandum

March 7, 2022

Renewals

Applicant/ Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption
Ten Thirteen LLC DBA Moogs Place 97 Portland St	Yes		Yes	Yes
Mountain View Campground Corp 3154 Vt Rte 15 E		Yes		
Vermont CVS Pharmacy LLC 13 VT Rte 15		Yes		
Cumberland Farms of Vermont Inc PO Box 1007		Yes		
POM Enterprises Inc DBA Pizza on Main 53 Lower Main St	Yes			Yes
River Arts of Morrisville Inc 74 Pleasant St	Yes			

New Applicants

Applicant/ Location	First Class	Second Class	Third Class	Outside Consumption