



## SPECIAL SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Todd Yando, David Yacovone

Members Absent: Steve Bousquet

Department Heads: David Crawford, Mary Ann Wilson, Bob Melfy, Chief Keith

Guests: Lisa McCormack, Steve Rare, Mike Stafford

Shaun Bryer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Municipal Meeting Room.

### **AGENDA CHANGES & ADDITIONS**

Addition of Jim Pease Storm Water project request under Consent Agenda Items.

### **GUESTS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Request for Conservation Funds – Steve Rae:** Presented request to use \$2,000.00 from the Conservation fund for the purpose of purchasing a parcel next to Joe's Pond in order to have a conservation easement placed on the land. The Board asked several questions concerning this purchase and the appraisal of the property.

*Motion by David Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the expenditure of \$2,000.00 from the Conservation Fund for the purpose of purchasing a parcel of land adjacent to Joe's Pond.* Additional discussion was held regarding the funds for this expenditure. *Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

**Review of Bids and Award of Portland Street Sidewalk Contract – Mike Stafford:** Mike Stafford presented the Board with the bids received for this project and information regarding this project. Mike recommended the Board negotiate with Messier Concrete who presented the lowest bid. Board asked when the work would be expected to be complete and Mike responded that if things get lined up the project could begin as soon as the weather breaks. Mike explained the Board the meaning behind unit prices upon their request.

*Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by David Yacovone to preliminarily award the Portland Street Sidewalk Project contract to Messier Concrete.* The Board asked additional questions regarding landscaping. Bob Melfy asked about drainage concerns. *Motion passed unanimously (4/0) pending negotiations with Messier Concrete. If Negotiations fall through Mike Stafford will contact the next two lowest bidders.*

### **MEETING OF LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD**

*Motion by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to move out of the Selectboard and move into the Liquor Control Board. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSES – Mary Ann Wilson: Liquor & Tobacco Licenses for the following establishments were presented for the Boards approval: Cumberland Farms, Charlmont, Price Chopper, Morrisville Mobil, Stowe Road Mobil, Corner Pocket. 1.

*Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve all applicants as presented. Motion Passed unanimously (4/0).*

*Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to move out of the Board of Liquor Control and back into the Selectboard. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Discussion of Annual Town & Informational Meeting Presentations:** Dave reviewed the budget book with the Board. The Board discussed benefits and police negotiations. Dave noted that the PAC committee is working on the health care issue currently. Possible Cafeteria Plan for the future.

**Review of Town Meeting Memo:** Discussion held on paving expenditures. Board expressed need to work on paving plan. Discussion of “special tax” for highway paving program. Board noted they were only considering this as an option for discussion purposes only. Mary Ann explained to the Board the local agreement and when that would come in to play. Board requested additional information on a Charter. Dave Yacovone noted that it would take about 3-4 years to implement such a change. Board requested examples of things other Towns have done with it. Shaun requested reference sheet regarding this item. Steve Rare stated that a hand out at Town meeting would be beneficial to give people some understanding. Board addressed items that could be of concern at the informational & Town meetings. Shaun felt that the Veterans Exemption should be discussed at the informational meeting since there have been so many questions raised regarding this issue. Dave reviewed the status of the reappraisal. The Board agreed that a handout with specific discussion points would be beneficial, but felt that the fewer handouts overall the better.

**Morristown “Friends of the Taxpayers” Group Questions:** Board discussed questions posed by “Friends” group and discussed answers. Dave will ask Listers to get together of all tax exempt properties in Morristown to send over to “Friends” group. Board continued review of questions. Board addressed question of Union Bank parking lot and plowing concerns. Board agreed that Shaun could answer questions on behalf of Board.

Shaun noted that the Steering Committee would be present at the Informational Meeting to answer questions and briefly discuss the work they have done so far.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Review and Approval of Letter to Senate Transportation Committee:** Board reviewed letter to committee.

*Motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the letter to the Senate Transportation Committee as presented with changes as discussed (addition of 2009). Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

**Discussion of Snow Storm & Cleanup:** Dave informed the Board that during the snow storm several mailboxes were damaged (at no fault of workers, just due to heavy snow volume). Dave suggested that mailboxes damaged due to this storm not be repaired or replaced at the cost of the Town as the cost to be too burdening, consensus of Board to not bear the cost of replacing mailboxes for this storm. Bob noted flaws in the plowing of the school when large storms arrive and school is not in session.

Looking into further communication issues with Highway Department and Street Crew during large storms instead of referring all calls to the Highway answering machine. Dave suggested letters of gratitude to both the Highway & Street crews for their hard work during this storm.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

*Motion by David Yacovone, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

#### **SELECTBOARD CONCERNS:**

Steve Bousquet: Refer to Email regarding lunch served at Town Meeting.

David Yacovone: None

Brian Kellogg: Fire Department Concern

Todd Yando: Stopped at Village Garage to give thanks to all employees for hard work during storm.

Shaun Bryer: None

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Motion by Todd Yando, seconded by Brian Kellogg to enter into executive session at 8:20 PM to include David Crawford, Town Administrator and Lisa Laughlin, Administrative Assistant for discussion of personnel issues. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

*Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to move out of executive session and back into regular session at \_\_\_\_\_ PM. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

*Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept the resignation of Lisa Laughlin effective June 29, 2007 with regret. Motion passed unanimously (4/0).*

#### **ADJOURN**

*On a Motion by \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ the Board adjourned their meeting at \_\_\_\_\_ PM.*

Respectfully submitted and filed this 3rd day of March, 2007.

Lisa Laughlin; Administrative Assistant

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Minutes Approved

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Date