MORRISTOWN

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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, 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.

Guests: Min Cote, Chris Ransom, Alex Garvin, Sue Sargent, and Kathleen O'Neill.

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

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Sign application for the Downtown Transportation Improvement Fund.

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

III. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 6:10 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve the four liquor license applications as presented. Motion approved. (5/0)

Mary Ann stated that there is an error on the list of applications. She stated that the V.F.W. Post #9653 does have outside consumption.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to amend the previous motion to include the correction for the V.F.W. Post #9653 to have outside liquor consumption. Motion approved. (5/0)

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

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Fairpoint Communications has submitted a Petition and Order for Pole and Wire Locations. They want to move a single fiber optics line and set a few poles. Most of the line would hang from existing lines. Bob Melfy has reviewed the locations in question and sees no problem with this request. Shaun wondered if we could use this Petition as leverage to talk with Fairpoint and encourage them to cooperate in a timely manner in regard to moving the lines on the Bridge Street Bridge. There is a lot of concern the phone and cable lines on the Bridge Street Bridge will not be moved in a timely manner. Bob Melfy stated the communication lines were scheduled to be re-constructed anyway. He has a contact he received from Jim Fontaine that will work with us. Ruggiano has contacted the cable and phone company and has requested fee amounts to move the lines. Dan will

follow up on this. Shaun suggested that we not send the signed petition back to Fairpoint until Dan has spoken with them.

2. Library Request for Selectboard to Endorse Adding Library Project to Stimulus List- Town Administrator, Dan Lindley, had a meeting with VLCT about the Stimulus money. VLCT made a list of state and local projects to be considered for the Stimulus money. The Towns put in a list to VLCT of 1 billion dollars. VLCT received an additional list from the state of 200 million for Vermont infrastructure. Rural Development or Community Development Block Grants would be the vehicle that would be used by the Federal Government to administer Stimulus funds for municipal expansions. Dan stated the projects that the town put on the list were the library expansion, Maple Street and the Bridge Street Bridge. Jim Bush is the master of all the lists. All Stimulus funds would be subject to Federal rules and regulations. Sue Sargent and Kathleen O'Neill felt it would be important for the Selectboard to write a letter of need for jobs in the community and state that the library expansion would create jobs for 50-70 people, as well as injecting money into the local economy for purchases of construction materials. Dave Yacovone stated that he will talk to Jim Bush about the importance of the library project.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Todd Yando to authorize Dan to write a letter in support of the library project stating that the project would help to fulfill the need to create jobs in our community. Motion approved. (5/0)

3. Application for Downtown Development Board Notice of Waiver- Town Administrator, Dan Lindley, has an application for the Downtown Development grant. This grant would be used for the sidewalk from the Police Department up the street and around the corner to Rite Aide. It would also be used to re-align the entrance of the Police Department so it isn't a blind entrance.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Brian Kellogg to authorize Shaun to sign the Downtown Development Board Notice and Waiver Application. Motion approved. (5/0)

V. TA REPORT

1. Bridge Street Bridge Update – The site survey work is complete. We were fortunate to find an existing survey of the sidewalk. Two days were spent doing the borings. We hit ledge at 8',16',11' and 12' on one side and on the west side we hit ledge at 13' and 13'. The ledge is about 20-21' down. The soil is solid. On the west side we hit water at 16'. We will get this information out to the bidders. At this time, the time frame is pushed back two weeks. The deadline for bids to be into Ruggiano is March 20. The presentations are scheduled for March 27. It may be more cost effective if the town was to talk to the Agency of Transportation about the detour and signage. We may be able to use some of the state signage that is in storage. Shaun thought that Howard Manosh had purchased a traffic light for a previous project that is in storage that we may be able to use. There is a large tree that needs to be taken out by the bridge. We may be able to have Water and Light cut down the tree and the contractor remove the stump. This should also save money. Shaun mentioned that we may want to put language in the contract for penalties if the project is not finished on time. This could weed out the contractors that are not able to meet our timeframe. Min felt that we could save more money if we extended the date of being substantially complete. Dan will re-write the bid language to include the following:

- The Town will deal with the detour and signage.
- The Town will have the tree removed and the contractor will be responsible for stump removal.
- The project will be substantially complete by October 31, 2009.
- It would be ideal for the project to be substantially complete 60 days from the start of the contract.
- Incentives for early completion can be negotiated.

2. LCPC has a pre meeting of the zoning by laws on March 17. Erica will send an e-mail to the Selectboard members as a reminder.

VI. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Dave Yacovone- None. Will be meeting with other boards on the community collaborative on March 16.
Brian Kellogg- None.
Shaun Bryer- Informational meeting tomorrow night. All liaisons should be familiar with their department's budget.
Bob Beeman – None.
Todd Yando – None.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of February 9, 2009
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, 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 7:30 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 24th day of February 2009.
Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director for Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.