MORRISTOWN

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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF FEBRUARY 9, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando (arrived at 6:50PM, and Dave Yacovone(arrived at 7:00PM).

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Carol Bradley, Finance Director; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent.

Guests: Min Cote, Buckwheat Lowe, Chris Ransom, Anthony Gallup, Scott Abbott, Steve Leach, Laurie Rapp.

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

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Table Community Potluck Discussion
2. Min Cote has question regarding item from last meeting- add to Old Business

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. ***SkatePark Updates***- Isaac Grahm would like to use a piece of town property located behind Wards Field. The property is accessed through Steve Leach's property. Isaac surveyed surrounding property owners; some were opposed and some were not. Steve Leach mentioned that this is a fairly wet area and that it is not very visible. The Selectboard didn't feel that this was a good location and asked Isaac to look at other options such as LARC property, Cole property, and the Oxbow. Shaun suggested discussing at the Skatepark committees next meeting and rating the three locations in order of preference.

III. BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to enter session as Board of Liquor Control at 8:00 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

1. ***Corner Pocket***- Scott Abbott owner of the Corner Pocket discussed the reputation that the Corner Pocket has received from when it was the timeout and from previous owners. In his quest to overcome this reputation he has added booth seating and a full lunch and dinner menu. He has installed cameras inside the facility and mentioned looking into cameras in the parking lot. There has only been a few incidents involving fights and intoxicated patrons being removed from the property. Ed Wilson, spoke on Scotts behalf citing other areas that have had similar situations, but are not reprimanded, or shut down. Gerry Sutton mentioned the rip off tickets that Scott sells in the Corner Pocket and how much money he raises for the Fire Department. The Selectboard suggested keeping the lines of communication open with Richard, Chief of Police and possibly having an Officer do a walk through on busy nights such as Friday & Saturday.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to approve the V-Twin DBA Corner Pocket liquor license renewal. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Todd Yando to approve other liquor licenses as presented for renewal. Motion approved. (5/0)

IV. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Dog Hearing- Present for the hearing were Anthony Gallup, Laurie Rapp and Animal Control Officer, Brian Kellogg.
   - ***Complainant Mr. Gallup*** -Mr. Gallup stated that the dog was barking in the early morning(between 6 and 7 am) when he was trying to sleep, he works 3rd shift at Green Mountain Coffee Roasters 3 days per week. He estimated that the dog barked 2-3 minutes and he couldn't get back to sleep. Mr. Gallup didn't feel that he got the answers that he wanted from Brian Kellogg.
   - ***Brian Kellogg, Animal Control Officer-*** Brian stated that he was contacted by Mr. Gallup about the dog barking and being a nuisance. Mr. Gallup felt that he should be writing a ticket to Mrs. Rapp. Brian said that he called Mrs. Rapp almost every time Mr. Gallup called him. He suggested to Mr. Gallup that he come to a Selectboard meeting to discuss the issue.
   - ***Mrs. Rapp-*** Laurie went over her routine. She said the dog goes out to the bathroom and is on her bed at 9PM and in his crate by 11PM, he then gets up around 7AM and goes out. If there is another dog in the area he will bark for a few seconds, then he is inside.

Mr. Gallup did mention that the noise had gotten better. The Board encouraged both parties to document the incidents and for Mr. Gallup to contact Brian if he had any more issues.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchasing Policy- Town Administrator, Dan Lindley doesn't feel that this policy is working the way it was meant to. It seems to be a long paper trail. Dan feels that meeting with Department Heads when the financial statements come out would be a better way to discuss purchasing in each department. The Board feels they need more information on how the policy works and what changes we would like to make.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Percy Pit- Todd Yando, Bob Beeman, Dan Lindley and Roland Boivin did a walk through and think the changes that Percy has proposed will be a better use of the land. Matt Percy will get back to Dan with site plan and outline of the Well Head Protection Area. This is a project that will have to go through Act 250.
2. Min Cote- Min asked what the option tax was that was discussed at a previous meeting. The Board said that this was a 1% tax that the Town could charge on top of the 6% sales tax. Williston has an options tax that generates revenue for the Town. The Town would need to write and pass a charter through legislation. The Board in is the early stage of discussion and don't foresee anything happening for another 2-3 years.

VI. TA REPORT

1. Bridge Street Bridge Update- Dan got the blue prints from the State for the Bridge reconstruction in 1926 and 1976. Met with Cliff on Friday and went over prints. They have scheduled borings for both abutments on Thursday and Friday. Dan is working on getting the phone and cable relocated for the project. Dan has discussed traffic control with the highway department and has looked into a traffic light at the 15 & 15A intersection, he got an estimate of $40,000-$50,000 for installation of a temporary light. Min Cote suggested talking to Doug Newton on this issue. We need to think about pedestrian traffic during the reconstruction and where we can relocate this until it is complete. Contractors are waiting for the boring and the site plan. Min suggests the Board decide on a design and give each contactor specific guidelines to bid on. He feels the Town will get a better price if they are comparing apples to apples. Dan asked the Board to increase his spending limit from $5,000 to $6,000 for the site work.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve increase in TA spending limit for the Bridge Street Bridge from $5,000 to $6,000. Motion approved. (5/0)

2. Planning Commission has finished their bylaws revisions and are ready for Board approval. The Board suggested meeting with the Planning Commission at a special meeting to discuss before we schedule a public hearing.
3. Informational meeting will be on February 24th at 7PM
4. PAC is still working on the personnel policy
5. We will be moving forward on the Rt. 100 Sidewalk in the next few weeks.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Dave Yacovone- None
Brian Kellogg- Scott Griswold from Hyde Park Selectboard would like to meet with the Board to discuss the community collaborative.
Shaun Bryer- None.
Bob Beeman – Stimulus Money- bridge is on the list as well as the library and Maple Street.
Todd Yando – None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of January 26, 2009
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

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

IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter executive session at 8:35PM for personnel issues. Motion approved. (5/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to exit executive session at 9:35PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

VII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to adjourn meeting at 9:25 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

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