MORRISTOWN SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
OF FEBRUARY 7, 2022

MEMBERS: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford, Jessica Graham, Brian Kellogg and Gary Nolan

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Eric Dodge, Town Administrator; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Jason Luneau, Interim Police Chief; William Mapes, EMS Chief; Kevin Barrows, Highway Superintendent; Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planning Director

PARTICIPANTS: Tom Cloutier, Brent LaBree, Laura Streets, Don MacDowell, Ed Wilson

GUESTS: Michael Hartman, CEO of LCMHS

Chair Bob Beeman called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Tegu Building.

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

APPROVE MINUTES

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 18, 2022
Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of January 18, 2022 with changes suggested by Jessica Graham made to New Business item 3c. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2022
Motion made by Judy Bickford to approve the minutes of January 24, 2022. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Tom Cloutier discussed his concerns in regards to mailing ballots. He was assured that ballots are

received and counted equitably. Ed Wilson discussed the Board of Civil Authority's role in supporting voters and making sure they have access to vote. The BCA has hosted mobile polling stations at senior housing and for the homeless and can deliver ballots to the ill & disabled.

LIQUOR CONTROL

On a motion by Judy Bickford, seconded by Gary Nolan, the Selectboard recessed their regular meeting to meet as the Board of Liquor Control at 7:34.

BOARD OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Liquor license renewals were received from Lost Nation Brewing, Jiffy Mart, Charlmont Restaurant, Black Diamond BBQ, Price Chopper, Black Cap Coffee & Beer, Tomlinson's Store, Kinney Drugs, and Hannaford for the Board's approval.

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

On a motion by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Judy Bickford, the Board of Liquor Control adjourned at 7:36 and the meeting was resumed as the Selectboard meeting. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

OLD BUSINESS

Todd Thomas, Zoning Administrator & Planning Director, brought the current Town Plan draft before the Selectboard members for their approval. The Village Trustees added language about bicyclist and pedestrian safety that needs to be reviewed by the board. If the board approves of the changes, the result will be matching town and village town plans. Eric has submitted the town plan to the Lamoille County Planning Commission for review, then will review any suggested changes. He is meeting with LCPC this Thursday and will alert the board of any changes they propose. The town will warn another hearing in March and potentially have approved votes in April.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the Town Plan language added by the Village Trustees. 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).

NEW BUSINESS

1. LAMOILLE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH PRESENTATION

Michael Hartman, CEO of LCMHS, gave a brief presentation on LCMHS' services and their current situation. They currently have 220 employees and an 18.4M budget. They are working well with public services such as police, EMS, the Family Center, and Lamoille Housing Partnership to improve the lives of Lamoille County residents. They are working hard to get the word out about their services and treat people before situations turn to crises. LCMHS currently receives $3,900 in town appropriations.

2. DISCUSS LONG-TERM LEASE OF RESCUE SQUAD CLASSROOM BY COPLEY HOSPITAL

   Vermont Technical College's Nursing program at Copley Hospital needs more space for their classes and they'd like to enter into a long-term lease in order to use the Rescue classroom Mondays-Fridays, between 7:00AM – 5:00PM, when available. Eric figured the classroom cost at $25 per day based on the size of the room. Copley would sign a lease after it is approved by the Selectboard. The program does have their own insurance.

   Motion made by Gary Nolan to rent the Morristown EMS classroom to the Copley Hospital at a rate of $500/monthly. Terms to be determined at a later date. 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).

3. SIGN GRANT AGREEMENT RESOLUTION—SINGLE GRANTEE FOR VILLAGE CENTER APARTMENTS

   Motion made by Judy Bickford to sign the grant agreement resolution—single grantee for Village Center Apartments. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

4. AUTHORIZE ERIC DODGE TO SIGN STORMWATER PERMIT ON BOARD'S BEHALF

   The Town shares stormwater responsibilities with Nick Donza (Pope Meadow Master Association Inc.) for the Pope Meadow Drive property. The town owns and maintains the impervious surfaces (roads and sidewalks). Eric Dodge would like to sign the "Transfer of Operational Stormwater Permits" on the board's behalf. Jessica Graham voted "nay" because she did not understand the issue well enough to vote in favor.

   Motion made by Gary Nolan to authorize Eric Dodge to sign the stormwater permit on the board's behalf. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham N, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (4/1).

5. APPROVE PURCHASE OF BOBCAT

   The current machine is 10 years old and will be traded in towards the new purchase.

   Motion made by Gary Nolan to use Champlain Valley Equipment as a sole source vendor to purchase a 2022 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader. Using Champlain Valley

equipment will allow us to use the attachments we already own. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

Motion made by Gary Nolan to purchase 2022 Bobcat Skid Steer Loader for $52,444.00 from Champlain Valley Equipment, Inc. Funds to be utilized out of the Highway Equipment Trade-in Account. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

6. AMEND MOTION FOR POLICE 2021 DODGE CHARGER LEASE

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to amend the motion to approve the lease of a 2021 Dodge Charger with Ally from $39,564 to $39,611. 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).

7. APPROVE SOLE SOURCE VENDOR FOR LIBRARY BOILER REPLACEMENT

The boiler at the library had a major defect and there was potential danger with continued use. It needed immediate replacement. Fred's Energy, our current propane and maintenance company, installed a new boiler the day after the town was notified. Procedural errors were made by Fred's during this process. Communication between Eric and Fred's Energy addressed that issue.

Motion made by Jessica Graham to use Fred's Energy as a sole source vendor to replace the boiler at the Library due to an emergency heating issue. Motion seconded by Gary Nolan. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

APPROVE WARRANTS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to approve the warrants as presented. Motion seconded by Jessica Graham. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

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

- a Hearing Order is being drafted on the Act 250 permit for the Duhamel Gravel Pit
- continued work with Stephanie Magnan of Safety, Asset and Emergency Management Solutions (SEAM) on Hazard Mitigation Strategies for the town. The deadline for the plan is in April
- a meeting with Morrisville Water & Light to discuss the Green River Reservoir dam breach exercise

- a discussion on the Walton bridge project with Tyler Mumley of Mumley Engineering
- a deadline for the structures grant is April 15, 2022 in which the town will apply for bridge project costs.

SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Bob Beeman: Thank you to the Highway crew, our unsung heroes, for their great job cleaning up during and after the snowstorm.

Judy Bickford: Announced that the Lamoille County Planning Commission is looking for representatives for their Clean Water Advisory Committee. Also, if anyone is interested in helping preserve the Green River Reservoir, please write to the state.

Jessica Graham: Thanked the Highway crew for their cleanup efforts after the latest storm. Also, thanks to Tricia Follert and River Arts for the change of artwork in the Tegu building. Jessica also shared that she would like the municipality to consider posting a pledge of inclusion that states that our town believes in treating everyone fairly, recognizes that not everyone acts or looks alike, and that we try to put forth practices and police protocols that focus on inclusion and try to work toward diminishing the effects of white privilege. This is about welcoming changing demographics, work patterns from Covid, housing development, bringing in more diversity, etc.

Brian Kellogg: Thanks to Highway for snow cleanup.

Gary Nolan: Mentioned that we need to be ready to send out the RFP for the Walton Road Bridge. Kudos to the Highway crew for snowstorm cleanup work.

OTHER BUSINESS
None.

ADJOURN

Motion made by Judy Bickford to adjourn. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Roll Call: Bob Beeman Y, Judy Bickford Y, Jessica Graham Y, Brian Kellogg Y, Gary Nolan Y. Motion carried (5/0).

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted and filed this February 8, 2022

Sarah Hyde, Scribe

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