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SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando, and Dave Yacovone.

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

Guests: Art Sanborn, Paul Nesky, Matt Burgess, Heather Sargent, Pat Persico, Micky Smith, Chip Percy, Matt Percy, Chris Demers, Kevin Lane, and Cliff Collins.

Meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Brian Kellogg.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pat Persico would like the opportunity to talk about concerns regarding the Bridge Street Bridge project, specifically the traffic issue.

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Morristown Development Fund update – Art Sanborn and Paul Nesky presented an update of the Morristown Development Fund. Art wanted to stress that LEDC is hired to administer the MFD, but has no involvement in decision making. The asset value of the fund is approximately $460,000. Loan activity is slow now. We may want to consider lending money for working capital for businesses in good standing that are having cash flow issues. There are a few issues with current loans that will need to be discussed in executive session. MDF has one seat open on the board. In the past the Selectboard has asked the MDF Board for suggestions to fill openings in the past. The Morristown Development Fund Board meets quarterly. The next meeting is February 6th. Shaun recommends that we advertise for interest in the open position on the MDF Board. The MDF Board could review applications and make recommendations to the Selectboard. Art will make sure this procedure is not in conflict with the existing MDF bylaws.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to enter executive session at 5:45 to discuss specific MDF loan issues. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Todd Yando to exit executive session at 6:20 and enter into regular session. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to authorize the Morristown Development Fund Board to use money from the fund to pay for legal fees. Motion approved (5/0)

2. Cliff Collins of Ruggiano Engineering gave an update on the Bridge Street Bridge Project. The RFPs were sent out a week ago. The pre-bid meeting is tomorrow at 9:00. Proposals are due one month from tomorrow. Proposals were sent to eleven contractors. One contractor declined due to timing conflicts with other jobs. Two other contractors have expressed an interest. There has been a change in the specs because the Village wants the capability to add

an insulated water line at a later date. Dave Yacovone inquired if the proposals could give night and day rates. Cliff explained that this will be discussed tomorrow. The State Agency of Transportation requires sign and traffic control plans for detouring traffic. Contractors bidding on this project are aware of this requirement. Heidi feels that we need to indicate on the signage that the downtown businesses are still open and accessible. She suggested listing the businesses on a sign. Bob Beeman suggested that car traffic could be detoured to Cadys Falls Road in order to lessen the impact on Route 15A. Pat Persico expressed his concern as he lives on Route 15A and may have problems accessing his driveway. He also mentioned that he feels that the speed limit should be lower and enforced. The speed limit is set by the State; however, it may be possible to ask them to temporarily lower the speed limit for this project. Richard recommended that a temporary traffic light be installed at the intersection of Route 15 and Route 15A. Possible pedestrian traffic could be routed to the Rail Trail if it gets repaired.

3. Chris Demers did a presentation on branding. Chris has worked with Morristown/Morrisville for five months. She has suggestions for marketing our Town. She will be doing a workshop in March to present her ideas in more depth. Chris was hired to do the first phase of a three phase proposal. The brand of a town is really the reputation. By following the Town Plan, it has been determined that Morristown/Morrisville is a market place town. Chris will have a website that will explain the branding results. The website is www.jazzmedia.org/morristown. Erica will put a link to this website on the Town's website. There is a possibility that some type of presentation could be done at Town Meeting.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Matt Percy of Trudell Engineering and Chip Percy presented a map of the Percy Pit and the adjoining land owned by the Town. Chip and Matt Percy would like to expand the Percy Pit in the future. They would like approval of their proposed plans from the Town, as the adjoining land owner, prior to applying for an Act 250 permit. Chip felt that the Town had more land than they realized or utilized. Percy would like to show a further disconnect between Town and Percy property. They propose a tree line and possibly a burm. Percy is meeting with the State on Thursday to discuss permitting. Bob Melfy has no concerns. Todd Yando, Bob Beeman, Bob Melfy, Dan Lindley, and Chip Percy will walk the land and will come back to the Selectboard with suggestions. Dan will set up this meeting. This issue will be re-visited on the next Selectboard agenda on February 9th.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. A special meeting of the Lamoille Solid Waste District was held. The manager was reprimanded and suspended with pay for two weeks for poor performance. Kurt Hanson, Morristown's Solid Waste Supervisor, had some concerns about the manager that hopefully were addressed at the meeting. Kurt has resigned his position as he is moving. We received two letters of interest to fill his remaining term that will expire in April of 2010. Alex Garvin has been attending meetings at the Solid Waste District and has done a lot of research. Matt Burgess expressed his support for Alex Garvin.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Dave Yacovone to appoint Alex Garvin as the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Supervisor to fill the remainder of Kurt Hanson's term. Motion approved. (4/0) – Brian Kellogg abstained.

Shaun asked if Erica would send Frank Lamphier a letter thanking him for his interest and asking him he would like to apply for any of the other vacancies on other boards.

2. Dan and Carol discussed the changes that were made on the FY 09/10 budget since the last proposed warning was reviewed by the Selectboard. The budget overview was discussed. The format was revised in order to accurately compare years. The proposed budget asks tax payers for over $10,000 less than last year.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve the proposed FY 09/10 budget as presented. Motion approved. (5/0).

V. 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. Liquor and Tobacco Licenses up for renewal
   a. Hannaford's Market
   b. R.L. Vallee, Inc.
      i. Morrisville Mobile
      ii. Stowe Road Mobile
   c. Karen Seidel (dba Bailey House)
   d. V-Twin, LLC (dba Corner Pocket)

Concerns have been raised about approving the renewal of the Corner Pocket liquor license. The Corner Pocket has had and continues to have issues with the State Board of Liquor Control. Last week another violation was issued by the State. The State is now writing tickets for violations. The State Board of Liquor Control has a meeting with the owner of the Corner Pocket, Mr. Abbot, next week. Shaun recommends that we invite Mr. Abbot to a Selectboard meeting to discuss his plans for addressing the reputation the Corner Pocket has in the community. Shaun also thinks we should wait to see what the State is going to do.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve liquor and tobacco license renewals as presented with the exception of the Corner Pocket. Motion approved (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Dave Yacovone to exit as Board of Liquor Control and re-enter regular session at 8:05 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

VI. TA REPORT

1. We did not receive the planning grant for the Business Office Park.
2. The Personnel Policy is progressing well.
3. Erica is working hard on the Town Report. We are looking for ways to make the process easier for next year.
4. The Hearthstone sewer line is moving forward. This phase should be done in a month.
5. Zoning bylaws will be coming to the Selectboard for approval. The Planning Commission has adopted the bylaws. The Selectboard needs to have two hearings before adopting the new bylaws. Mark has done a good job highlighting the changes.
6. We received the January payment from the State for the State Aid to Highways. This payment was reduced by 15%. We will have $15,000 less for revenue this year if the April payment is also 15% less than originally proposed.
7. Dan would like to meet with a Selectboard member to discuss questions about some past history. Shaun will meet with Dan tomorrow at noon.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Dave Yacovone- Eric Osgood of the Johnson Selectboard contacted Dave regarding the collaborative effort. The LCSWD meeting in February might be a good time to broach other towns. Stowe, Johnson and Hyde Park have all expressed an interest. Dave and Dan talked to Peter Peltz regarding a local option tax. In order to do this, we need to have a Town Charter. A very basic one would be fine. We would not need to go to a Town Manager form of government. The Charter does not need to change the way we do business; however, it allows the Town more flexibility. After Town Meeting, we should form a group to look at this issue.

Brian Kellogg- In regard to the collaborative effort, we should meet as a Selectboard to decide what we should say to the interested towns. After this, we can ask the towns if they would put us on the Selectboard agendas.

Shaun Bryer- None.

Bob Beeman – A resident spoke to Bob about the young kids that are congregating in the Big Lots parking lot doing illegal drugs etc. Richard said the police are there all the time but they get no help from Big Lots. People really need to call at the time something is going on so it can be addressed.

Todd Yando – None.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minute of January 12, 2009
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

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

IX. ADJOURN

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to adjourn meeting at 8:25 PM. Motion approved. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 27th day of January 2009.
Tina Sweet, Assistant Finance Director for Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant
Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated.