



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF January 13, 2015

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Joni Lanphear and Steve Rae,
Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer
Guests: Andrew Martin, Scott Brinkman, Graham Govoni, Dorothy Cook, George Cook, Joyce, Mike Chase, Ryan Hannon.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Bob Beeman

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. Add Personnel Issues with Possible Executive Session to Other Business

II. OLD BUSINESS

1. REVIEW RESCUE OPERATIONS- The Rescue Board and the Selectboard have been working to find a solution to help provide better rescue services to the Town. The volunteer base has been dwindling over the last few years. There are less and less people willing and able to commit to the 180+ hours of class time to become an EMT. Graham Govoni gave a presentation on the options Morristown Rescue has discussed in hope they can provide better service to the Town.

- **Option I - Contract with NEMS**

This option would alleviate liability from the Town, but we would give up local control.

- **Option II- Become a Not for Profit Organization**

This option would alleviate liability from the Town, continue community based EMS and continue local control. This option would require strong volunteer base with strong leadership, vision and total commitment.

- **Option III- Become a Town Run Department**

This option would continue community based EMS, continue local control, and provide flexibility for the future. This option would require commitment from the Town to operate, and manage the department. Hiring a fulltime department head and possibly a full time administrative assistant would be necessary as well as having a strong volunteer base. The Rescue Board Inc. would only be an advisory board and would have no impact on the day to day operations.

Scott Brinkman, Director of Stowe Rescue, District 4 Manager and a Morristown resident stated that it is not just Morristown having these issues. It is a district wide problem. He also felt that getting Morristown Rescue to stand on their own is a good goal to have and as a tax payer he would support additional funds budgeted for the Rescue department even if it meant an increase in his taxes.

Joyce Lanpher, Operations Lead, Morristown Rescue said they have 4 people ready to be hired to cover the weekend shifts and they have 4 more that are going to be

interviewed. This would be temporary part-time employment until the volunteer base has been rejuvenated. Joyce also expressed her concern of not being able to take time off due to there being no one to cover her while she is gone.

The Selectboard agreed that something needs to be done and for any of the options to work there needs to be a written plan with goals, dates, timelines and objectives. The Selectboard thanked Graham for his presentation and thanked the Rescue Board for coming.

2. REVIEW LETTER FROM VTRANS- Discussed the naming of the Bypass/Truck Route/ Rt. 100. The majority of the community members would like to see the Truck RT. named RT. 100 -Alternate Truck Rt. and keep Rt. 100 through the downtown. The Selectboard agreed, Dan will get a draft letter prepared for the Selectboards review.

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Mickey Smith to enter executive session for Personnel to include Dan Lindley, Town Administrator. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made Brian Kellogg, seconded by Steve Rae to exit Executive Session. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Mickey Smith, Seconded by Steve Rae to hire Lucas Hall, Brian Aylward, Vicky Foster, Kristen Lavine for temporary part-time until June 30, 2015 and to authorize Dan Lindley, Town Administrator to set the rate of pay. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Joni Lanphear to adjourn at 8:30PM. Motion carried. (5/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 14th day of January 2015
Erica Allen, Scribe

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