



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 12, 2009

Members Present: Shaun Bryer, Brian Kellogg, and Bob Beeman,

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

Guests: Chris Ransom, Ed French, Betsy Bernhard.

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting room by Shaun Bryer.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS, CHANGES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Manor Loan Approval for VEDA(Vermont Economic Development Authority)

II. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

1. Chris Ransom Concerns
 - a. The Town should develop a committee to keep track of purchases, to avoid wasteful purchases in these hard economic times.
 - b. We should be sealing cracks in the road to prolong life of roads. Bob Melfy says that sealing cracks in pavement can extend life as part of a maintenance plan after a road is new. It is a timely process and is generally done by a sub contractor.
 - c. Consider moving dog walkers to upper field to prevent waste from washing into river when it floods.
 - d. Sidewalk cracks- feels he was stonewalled when he asked for the notes on the repairs that needed to be addressed, one of the areas he feels was not fixed to his satisfaction. Dan Lindley, TA explained that all the areas were addressed that needed to be. The area of concern was by Norm's Furniture, and Dan said the he had talked with the project manager and the contractor and that building was unstable and fixing it could cause the foundation on the building to collapse.
 - e. Would like to see a third camera in meeting room, when someone in audience is speaking, you can't see who it is.
 - f. Why are the boulders at the oxbow moved in winter? Bob says these are moved to the left to allow for plowing and are put back in the spring.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. PD Lease Agreement with State Police- Lease with the State Police is up for renewal. Much the same as past lease. Richard has proposed sharing the cost of the new T1 line, it will cost \$1200 per year, we would pay half of the cost and the State would pay the other half. The State will continue to provide all our paper in exchange for the use of our copier.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve lease agreement with the State Police for the use of the Police Department Building. Motion approved (3/0)

1. Vacuum Grant- need to move the \$6,000 for the Vacuum Truck grant from reserves to the highway equipment replacement fund.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve moving Vacuum Grant money in the amount of \$6,000 from reserves to the highway equipment replacement fund. Motion approved. (3/0)

IV. OLD BUSINESS

1. Elmore Street Lights- Dan checked into the cost and placement of the lights. There is a pole that does not have a light. The Village will install for free, but it will cost the Town \$120/ year for the light.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to authorize installation of light on Pole 20 on Elmore Street. Motion approved. (3/0)

2. Rt. 100 Sidewalk Cooperative Agreement- Received the Cooperative agreement from the state, once it is approved and signed, the State will release the money and the process of hiring and engineer, obtaining Right of ways etc. can begin.

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Brian Kellogg to approve and sign cooperative agreement with the state of Vermont for the Rt. 100 sidewalk project from A street to B Street. Motion approved. (3/0)

3. Manor/VEDA Agreement- The board approved a bond allocation agreement which would allow the Manor to obtain a bond for \$6.5 million. This was approved by the Selectboard last calendar year (2008), the agreement needs to be reapproved in this calendar year (2009).

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve bond allocation agreement with the Manor Nursing Home. Motion approved (3/0).

V. BOAR OF LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to enter session as Board of Liquor Control. Motion approved. (3/0)

1. Liquor and Tobacco Licenses up for renewal
 - a. Blissrite Pizza Co. (dba Hoagies)
 - b. Kinney Drugs
 - c. Liu Lins Asian Cuisine
 - d. Premium Properties, LLC (dba Tomlinson's)
 - e. Price Chopper #137

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to approve liquor and tobacco license renewals. Motion approved (3/0)

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to exit as Board of Liquor Control and re-enter regular session. Motion approved. (3/0)

VI. TA REPORT

1. VLCT has recommended reducing revenues by 10% to allow for the decrease that is expected in the State Aid to Highways.
2. Our total budget is down by \$11,700 with the 10 % reduction in revenues.
3. Ruggiano is working on the specs for the bridge should have them for Board review at next meeting.
4. Agency of Natural Resources – Hearthstone and Sewer line, scoping study needs to be completed. Dan is moving forward with this.
5. Lamoille County Natural Resources- Asking for Morristown resident to serve on this Board. Will advertise, and also ask Steve Rae if anyone on Conservation Commission would like to serve in this capacity.
6. Will have Solid Waste Supervisor recommendation for next meeting.
7. Town Collaborative- Wolcott and Stowe have responded to the letter that Dan sent out. Board will want to meet and develop an agenda for discussion.

VII. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Bob Beeman- New Toolcat- How is it working? Why isn't Elmore Street plowed with this? Bob Melfy mentioned that we currently plow to Tripps but use the truck for the remainder as there is no sidewalk and it is easier. He will be sure to use Toolcat from now on.

Brian Kellogg- Had a dog complaint about a barking dog. Dog barks late at night and early morning. He told the complainant to call police as we now have a noise ordinance in place; citizen was told by police that it wasn't their responsibility, that it was the animal control officers responsibility. Brian feels in order to resolve issue maybe we should have the complainant come in as well as the dog owners. Shaun will get in touch with them.

Dave Yacovone- Although he was not in attendance, he asked if the board could discuss sending a letter to the legislature in regards to imposing a local options tax. Dan will get this drafted and send out the to Board for approval.

Bob Melfy brought up a concern about residents pushing/plowing snow across the road. We have had a notice in paper regarding this as well as on the radio. He is currently making notices that he will deliver to the individuals.

VIII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Brian Kellogg, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn meeting at 7:10PM.

Motion approved. (3/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 13th day of January 2009.

Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator

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