



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF JANUARY 6, 2020

Members Present: Bob Beeman, Brian Kellogg, Eric Dodge, Judy Bickford & Chris Towne.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Bill Mapes, Chief of EMS; Kevin Barrows, Highway Foreman; Tina Sweet, Finance Director; Sara Haskins, Town Clerk & Treasurer and Denny DiGregorio, Fire Chief.

Guests: Ron Stancliff, Dan McLaughlin, Laura Nepveu, Andrew Martin, Doug Wallace & Paula Beattie.

Bob Beeman called the Select Board Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

I. AGENDA CHANGES OR ADDITIONS

1. None

II. APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve minutes of December 16, 2019. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)

III. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

None

IV. LIQUOR CONTROL

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter session as Liquor Control. Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to approve renewals for Slimpoint & Walgreens (AKA Rite Aid). Motion seconded by Chris Towne. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to come out of Liquor Control. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion Carried. (5/0)

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. None

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rail Trail Non-Binding Article

Selectboard agreed to add nonbinding article to the Town warning supporting the completion of the Rail Trail.

2. Morristown Conservation Commission-

Ron Stancliff representative of the Conservation Commission would like the Selectboard to add an article to the Town Warning asking the voters for ½ cent for the Conservation Commission to use as needed. The Conservation Commission currently has about \$51,000 in their budget between liquid funds and CD's. Dan will work with Ron to come up with appropriate wording for an article to be presented at the next meeting for Selectboard approval.

- 3. Morristown Development Fund Appointment-** The Morristown Development Fund board is recommending the Selectboard appoint Mary Ann Wilson to fill the remainder of Tom Hirschak's term.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to appoint Mary Ann Wilson to the Morristown Development Fund Board to fill the remainder of Tom Hirschak's term which ends March 2022. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

- 4. Naming Private Road-** Subdivision off Stancliff Road. Proposed name is rue Benoit.

Motion made by Brian Kellogg to accept the name 'rue Benoit' for the subdivision located off the Stancliff Rd. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

VII. BUDGET DISCUSSION

- 1. Highway Budget-** Discussed adding more funds to bridge reserves. Discussed increasing amount budgeted for culverts and signs.
- 2. Capital Budget-** Discussed adding an article for Highway capital for 2 cents rather than the current 1 cent.

VIII. APPROVE WARRANTS

**Motion made by Chris Towne to approve Warrants through January 6, 2020
Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried. (5/0)**

IX. TA REPORT

- Road acceptance Hearing January 14th at 4PM, followed by budget review at 4:45PM.
- Will have MOU for Parking with LHP at the 14th meeting as well.
- Working on fix for Mud City Loop culvert
- Meeting are going well regarding the municipal parking lot. Looks like we would be adding about 40 spots.

X. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Chris Towne – Will be resigning January 31, 2020

Brian Kellogg – None

Eric Dodge – None.

Bob Beeman-Thank Chris for time served and appreciate everything he has brought to the board.

Judy Bickford – None

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion made by Eric Dodge to find that premature general public knowledge of labor relationships with employees to the body will clearly place the Town at a substantial disadvantage. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg. Motion carried (5/0)

Motion made by Eric Dodge to enter executive session to discuss labor relationships with employees under the provisions of Title 1 section 313 (a) (1) of the Vermont Statutes, to include Town Administrator Dan Lindley. Motion seconded by Brian Kellogg Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Chris Towne to come out of executive session. Motion seconded by Eric Dodge. Motion carried. (5/0)

XII. ADJOURN

Motion made by Eric Dodge to adjourn. Motion seconded by Judy Bickford. Motion carried. (5/0) Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

Respectfully submitted and filed this 6th day of January, 2020
Erica Allen, Scribe

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