



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2025

Members: Don McDowell, Christopher Palermo, Laura Streets, Richard Craig, George Cormier

Trustees: Robert Heanue, Carl Fortune, Tom Snipp

ADMINISTRATION and STAFF: Brent Raymond, Town Manager; Scott Johnstone, General Manager, Morrisville Water & Light; Judi Alberi, Executive Assistant

PARTICIPANTS/GUESTS: Kevin Newton, Penny Jones, Ron Stancliff, Jerry Throne, Evelyn Throne, Alex Cyr

**participating via Zoom*

5:30PM - CALL JOINT SELECTBOARD/VILLAGE TRUSTEES MEETING TO ORDER

Don McDowell called the Selectboard Meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

Robert Heanue called the Village Trustees meeting to order at 5:30 PM at the Tegu Building.

5:31PM - AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS

None

5:35PM - NEW BUSINESS

1. Zoning & Subdivision Bylaws - Update

Brent Raymond gave a general overview of the zoning bylaws. The planning commission is finalizing the bylaws, with a possible vote on April 22nd to send the bylaws to a public hearing. The selectboard and village trustees will receive the finalized bylaws for review.

2. Downtown Designation Application

Discussion ensued regarding the downtown designation application, which will be completed after the bylaws are updated. The application is due in September, and most of the required information is already completed.

3. Zoning Administrator/Planner

Bob Heanue gave a brief update on the status of the vacant Zoning/Planning position. There was a well-qualified pool of candidates, with 5 chosen for interviews. Three have been seen with a plan to interview the remaining two soon. A decision is expected within a few weeks.

4. Oxbow Park - Peter Danforth Event May 3rd

Peter Danforth of the Lamoille County Conservation District will host a public forum with lunch at the Wing Center to discuss the future of the Oxbow Park for the sole purpose of hearing thoughts from many folks. All agree that the town needs to decide what to do with a piece of town property in the village, considering the resources and costs involved. They mentioned past clean-up efforts and the need for fact-based information to address concerns about resource expenditure. Brent also shared his efforts to secure grants for engineering studies to determine the best use of the lower and upper decks. They expressed concerns about the town's dependence on FEMA money in the future and the ongoing resident buyout process.

5. Installation of an automated gate at entrance of B Street

The Village wants to install an automated gate at the entrance of B Street to restrict traffic and prevent accidents. The town owns the bridge, but the Village is responsible for the power plant. The gate is part of a broader

strategy to address public safety concerns and prevent vandalism at the power plant. The Village has just started looking into options and wanted to create awareness with the Town officials. Scott will bring a comprehensive plan to the Selectboard when ready to discuss.

6. Collaboration between SB/Trustees

The Trustees and the Selectboard agreed to meet again every six months instead of annually. This will allow them to keep abreast of both the Village and the Town's progress.

7:00PM - ADJOURN

Motion made by Chris Palermo to adjourn the Selectboard. Motion seconded by Richard Craig. Motion carried. (5/0)

Motion made by Tom Snipp to adjourn the Village Trustees. Motion seconded by Carl Fortune. Motion carried. (3/0)

Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm

Submitted and filed this 4/18/25.

Bonnie McDermott, Scribe

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