



SELECTBOARD MEETING OF August 22, 2011

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Min Cote, Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, Town Administrator; Richard Keith, Chief of Police; Mary Ann Wilson, Town Clerk/Treasurer and Charlie McArthur, Lister.

Guests: Steve Rae, Tina Sweet.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

I. AGENDA ADDITIONS/ CHANGES /ANNOUNCMENTS

- None

II. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- None

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. GMTA Stake Holder Committee-** GMTA in conjunction with Lamoille Planning Commission and Rural Community Transportation is working on a Transit Development Plan and is looking to create a Stakeholder Committee. Dan recommended appointing Todd the GMTA Stake Holder Committee.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote appoint Todd Thomas to the GMTA Stakeholder Committee Motion approved. (4/0)

- 2. Medical Revalidation Application-**This is a requirement from Medicaid every 5 years we need to update our enrollment application.

Motion made by Min Cote seconded by Mickey Smith that the Town will be legally & financially responsible in the event that there is any outstanding debt owed to CMS(Medicare). Motion approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to name Brian Kellogg as Authorized Official and sign the application. Motion approved(4/0)

Motion made by Min Cote, Seconded by Mickey Smith to name Daniel Lindley as Designation Official and sign the Medicare application. Motion approved(4/0)

- 3. Set FY12 Tax Rate-** The Homestead Education tax rate is \$1.1223 and the Non-residential rate is \$1.4388. The municipal tax rate is \$.7246 for a total tax rate of \$1.8469 for Homestead

and \$2.1634 for Non-residential. This is an 8.5% increase from last year. Steve Rae asked the Selectboard to keep that increase in mind when setting the budget for next year.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, Seconded by Min Cote to approve a municipal tax rate for FY12 of \$.7246 per \$100 of assessed value which included a municipal rate of \$.4729 a highway rate of \$.2505 and local agreement rate of \$.0012 and affirm the total tax rate of \$1.8469 for Homestead and \$2.1634 for Non-resident. Motion approved (4/0)

4. **Policy for "Penalties for late filed Homestead Declarations"**- The law has changed for the homestead declaration. Homeowners only need to file the form once rather than every year with their taxes unless they move, sell or buy a new home. The town doesn't have to impose a penalty it can choose to waive it and accept a policy of no penalties for the late filed homestead declarations. The only revenues we would get would be from new incoming residents. Dan doesn't feel that we should impose a homestead exemption penalty. Residents who don't file will already be charged the higher tax rate for non-residential. Charlie doesn't feel that we should impose a fee either. He said that it is too hard to keep track of who has filed, who did and who should or shouldn't.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone seconded by Min Cote to waive the penalty and to accept the policy of no penalty. Motion approved. (4/0)

5. **Road Cut Policy**- Dan Lindley, Town Administrator has updated the policy. He has changed the Standards as follows
- ◆ Fill to 24 inches from surface with materials taken from road bed compacted in 6 inch lifts
 - ◆ place geotextile fabric and 18 inches of one(1") minus crushed stone compacted in 6 inch lifts appropriate moisture content for compaction
 - ◆ road surface asphalt to be cut 12 inches beyond newly compacted material on each side of cut
 - ◆ Two lifts of asphalt to be compacted to 3 inches in depth for a total of 6 inches of compacted asphalt. The size of aggregate in asphalts lifts to be determined by Town Administrator depending on length of road cut. A paver/paving company will be required to pave larger areas. Consult with Town Administrator prior to applying for permit.

Dan also thought that we should exempt the Village Water & Light from this policy. He also added a paragraph requiring a performance bond which would be held by the Town for two years. Min Cote felt that the Village should be required to hire a paving company. He also felt that a paving company should be required for all areas whether small or large. Dave Yacovone suggested we add a paragraph six exempting them from the policy with the exception of paragraph 5. Selectboard was in agreement.

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve Road Cut Policy as amended. Motion approved. (4/0)

6. **Lease Agreement for waste removal from the swirl separator** - This is a lease between the Village and the Town to allow the Town to dump the sediment from the swirl basins at the transfer station on Trombly Hill. Dan will present it to the Village for their review and approval and will have at a future Selectboard meeting for approval.

- 7. Lamoille County Brownfield Program-** This is an agreement between the Town of Morristown, Lamoille County Planning Commission and the Johnson Company to allow site access for the Arthurs property for the purpose of conducting borings to test the soil.

Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to accept and sign the Lamoille County Brownfield Program Agreement for Site Access. Motion Approved. (4/0)

- 8. Bull Moose Rd. Culvert-** Resident signed a petition asking the Town to replace the culvert with a larger one and widen the road on Bull Moose Road in Mud City Loop. There was significant flood damage in this area and we will be getting about \$4,000 back from FEMA. The approximate cost to replace the culvert and for the excavator work is \$15,000. Min thought we might be able to extend the culvert 10ft on either side. Dan will work with Roland and see what we can do.

IV. TA REPORT

- Took care of the sign on Bill Thomass' property. Moved it closer to A street where it is not on anyone's property.
- Malarky's building has been bought by United Way. There will be apartments above for transitional housing and retail or commercial below.
- Nepveau building has received tax credits and is being updated. They plan to apply for a permit to put a porch on the front of the building.
- Purchase and Sale agreement on the Brigham Street Property. Will be Dr.'s offices.
- Lots happening in the downtown, should start to see tax stabilizations requests.
- We will be getting \$163,000 from FEMA and the State for the Flood Damage. The mud city bridge and eh Stage Coach culvert will be funded separately.
- VAST is applying for act 250 for the rail trail project. Will be attending the hearings and will keep the Selectboard updated.
- Joint Meeting for August 29th is canceled and rescheduled for September 19, 2011.

V. SELECTBOARD CONCERNS

Brian Kellogg- None

Mickey Smith- None

Dave Yacovone- Thanks for filling the pot holes on Congress Street.

Min Cote- Did we get the Mulcher? Dan says yes we picked it up on Friday last week.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of 08-08-2011
2. Approve & Sign Warrants

Motion made by Dave Yacovone, seconded by Min Cote to approve consent agenda as presented. Motion approved. (4/0)

**Motion made by Min Cote, seconded by Mickey Smith to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM
Motion approved. (4/0)**

Respectfully submitted and filed this 24th day of August
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

**Please note that all minutes are in draft form unless otherwise stated
and are approved at the next meeting.**