



EMERGENCY SELECTBOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009

Members Present: Brian Kellogg, Bob Beeman, Todd Yando, and Dave Yacovone.

Department Heads: Dan Lindley, TA; Bob Melfy, Highway Superintendent, and Mary Ann Wilson

Guests: Jack Currier, Dana Douglass, Julie Compagna, Alexandra Jump, Kathy Chaffee, Chris Ransom, Sara Haskins, Julie Fenwick, Mitch Pittman.

Meeting was called to order at 7:02PM in the Tegu Building Community Meeting Room by Brian Kellogg.

I. PERSONNEL

1. The Selectboard convened in an emergency meeting to discuss the performance of a public official. Town Administrator, Dan Lindley suggested an executive session for this discuss and said that the circumstances would allow for the Board to enter an executive session. Some community members questioned the reason for executive session as there is already public knowledge of the issue. Some community members asked the Board to take into consideration Shaun Bryer's actions and would like the Board to disbar him.

Motion made by Bob Beeman to enter Executive Session for a Personnel Issue to include Town Administrator, Dan Lindley, Town Clerk, Mary Ann Wilson and Chief, Richard Keith. Motion Approved. (4/0)

Motion made by Bob Beeman, seconded by Todd Yando to come out of Executive Session at 7:20PM. Motion approved (4/0)

The Selectboard made a formal statement to the public as follows:

“The Morristown Select Board is saddened by the tragedy that confronts our community. We wish to extend our heartfelt concerns to the children and families who are the victims of the allegations that we have recently learned of. If not for their courage to come forward it would not be possible to address this situation properly. We wish them the best as they move forward with their lives.

We acknowledge Shaun Bryer for his service to our community. We genuinely hope he can get the treatment he needs and we extend our deepest condolences to his parents and family.

In the spirit of moving ahead and focusing on all that is positive in our community, we ask that Shaun resign from the Select Board so that we can focus on the work of the town and move our community forward together.”

Some community members expressed their concern that the Selectboard did not elect to “oust” Shaun from the Selectboard. The Selectboard stated that their hands were tied; that they cannot remove an elected officer as is stated in the State Statutes. There is nothing they can do except to ask Shaun to resign. In the event that he resigns from the Selectboard, the Board will advertise for the position and appoint someone to fill the remainder of his term, which ends in March of 2010.

2. ADJOURN

Motion made by Todd Yando, seconded by Bob Beeman to adjourn meeting at 7:45PM. Motion approved. (4/0)

Respectfully submitted and filed this 15th day of September
Erica Reed, Administrative Assistant

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