

JOHNSON SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES
JOHNSON MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

Present:

Selectboard Members: Mike Dunham, Nat Kinney, Doug Molde, Kyle Nuse, Eric Osgood
Others: Brian Story (Administrator), Rosemary Audibert (Clerk), Brian Krause, Dan Perkins, Steve Engel, Roger Marcoux, Bert Nadeau, Alex Nadeau, Duncan Hastings, Dean West, Mark Woodward, Jennifer Burton

Note: All votes taken are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

1. Call to Order

Eric called the meeting to order at 6:58.

2. Additions, Changes to Agenda

Brian Story said Alan Lehouillier can't make it so his appearance under Members of the Public can be deleted, but Brian will talk about the potential agreement with him during his administrative report. He also asked to add an executive session for a personnel issue. Eric asked Brian to bring the board up to date on the dog issue that was in the paper during his report.

3. Executive Session – Personnel Issue

Nat moved to enter executive session for a personnel issue, inviting Brian Story and Brian Krause to remain, Mike seconded, the motion was passed and the board entered executive session at 7:01. The board came out of executive session at 7:19.

4. Review and Approve Minutes of Meetings Past

Nat moved to approve the minutes of September 19 and September 26, 2016 with the list of those present on September 19 corrected to show that Doug was not present, Mike seconded, and the motion was passed with Doug abstaining.

5. Treasurer's Report / Review and Approve Bills, Warrants, Licenses / Any Action Items

Rosemary said Duncan had submitted a bill for \$241.60 for work on Coddling Hollow and a little bit of work on Evergreen Ledge. **Doug moved to approve payment of the \$241.60 bill from Duncan Hastings, Kyle seconded and the motion was passed.**

Rosemary said there is a bill from SD Ireland for the Coddling Hollow project in the orders. She asked if the project is completed. Brian Krause said no. Duncan said when the project is completed there should be meeting where payment is approved by the construction engineer. Brian K. said that hasn't happened yet. Rosemary will wait to send out a check until the project is complete.

Rosemary handed out a final budget status report for last year. She said she had taken into consideration all the reserve funds the board had approved taking money out of. She said we got \$112K from the amendment for the College Hill project and we received paving grant money.

Eric asked if we are whole on the School St./College Hill project. Rosemary said she believes the village will owe some money back to the town. The disagreement between the contractor and the village hasn't been resolved yet.

The board agreed to proceed toward a tax sale for taxpayers with delinquent taxes who have not made payment agreements. Rosemary said this year's taxes are 37% collected, slightly better than previous years at this time.

Bustin' Belly Grill and Deli would like to change their Class 2 liquor license to a Class 1 license. Class 2 is for stores and Class 1 is for restaurants or bars. They have submitted a new application and additional fees. Mike moved to approve a Class 1 liquor license for Bustin' Belly Grill and Deli with the usual letter to be sent, seconded by Doug. Nat asked about serving hours. None were specified on the application. Eric said he doesn't think we limit anyone else's serving hours. Kyle said she also has a concern about hours. Doug suggested the board might want to delay approving the application and ask the business to put hours in their application. Mike withdrew his motion. Rosemary said she will call the business and find out what hours they want to serve alcohol.

6. Road Commissioner/ Road Foreman Report and Action Items

Brian Krause said the grant-funded work on Plot Road is about 90% completed. The bridge and culvert on Basin Road have been installed. We are installing a computerized salt spreader that will save salt. The cost should be recovered in the first year. Brian will be preparing the gravel pit for winter. When he does that he will clean the sediment traps.

Brian Story said there should be a draft stormwater permit by the end of this year. It should be finalized by next year. By 2021 fines will be issued for municipalities not in compliance with new conditions for road maintenance. We are not on track to meet those goals. The town is going to be working on creative solutions to get there.

Brian S. and Brian K. are considering salt treatment options to get more mileage out of our salt usage and get it to work in lower temperatures. Brian S. asked about board concerns related to salt treatments. Nat said he thinks the brine the state has introduced to roads has caused damage. Brian S. said we will not be using the same product the state uses. He said the claim is that the product we are considering is less corrosive than salt. We are talking to two different companies. Nat said he is skeptical, especially when claims about a product being less corrosive and more economical come from the company selling it. Mike said he would like to see some kind of independent study, not what a company is putting forth. Brian S. said he has talked to people in other municipalities about their experiences.

Brian S. said the school complained about the condition of the drop off area during snow season. We don't have time to plow it ourselves but we are working on new strategies to cooperate with their private snow plow contractor to ensure conditions at the school are safe. *(Brian K. left at 7:37.)*

7. Planning Commission Report

Duncan offered to give a regional planning commission update. He said if there is anything the town wants to do within the framework of tactical basin planning, it won't be eligible if it is not in the Tactical Basin Plan. Regional planning commission reps are supposed to be giving that message to towns. The legislature passed a law allowing regional planning commissions to act as a clearinghouse for region-wide services for their municipalities. The services could be a wide range of things. LCPC is looking at whether to do that. Towns don't

have to be involved in using the services. He would be in favor of the regional planning commission pursuing the next step to allow that to take place. If the regional planning commission doesn't take action, the town would not be able to take advantage of regional services. Services could include cooperative buying. He thinks maybe even contracted law enforcement. Doug asked if contracted animal enforcement could be included. Duncan said that could be possible.

Eric said Lea had sent a heads up that there will be an enhanced energy plan. Duncan said the regional planning commission doesn't have to incorporate the enhanced regional energy plan in their planning process. But if they don't do it it will lessen the ability of towns to be involved in Public Service Board proceedings, so the general consensus of the LCPC board is that they should do enhanced energy planning work.

8. Recreation Committee Report

Nat said Kerri O'Halloran is interested in joining the Recreation Committee. He nominated her as a Recreation Committee member and the board voted to appoint her.

Nat said the Rec Committee bought a play structure for Old Mill Park. There have been more people driving on the fields and tearing up the grass. One parent offered to deliver some big rocks. The Rec Committee plans to work with Brian K. to put the rocks in place and create a barrier.

The Rec Committee has put together a job description for the rec coordinator position. They are getting close to being ready to advertise the position.

Brian S. said Greg Stefanski sent a letter thanking the town and the Rec Committee for the new basketball court at the school.

9. Historical Society Report

Duncan said he and Dean and met with Gary Clark and George Pearlman about the old weather vane on the old town hall building. Vermont Studio Center is amenable to removing it. They only ask that its removal be coordinated with replacement by a similar weather vane. The Historical Society believes a competent person with a lift will be needed to remove it. Is the selectboard willing to investigate next steps?

Eric asked, wouldn't we wait until VSC has a replica produced? Duncan said it wasn't made locally. It can be replicated fairly easily. There are similar designs that can be ordered from a catalog for less than \$500. The wait time should not be long.

Nat asked if VSC is paying for the duplicate. Duncan said yes. They would be looking for the town to hire a contractor to take down the old one and put up the new one. The Historical Society probably has less interest in helping if the weather vane is to be stored at the municipal building rather than at the Historical Society building.

Eric said the board had discussed having a rotating display of artifacts at this building. Duncan said the Historical Society discussed that and all thought it was great idea. We will need to provide a secure place for the artifacts. The foyer is not secure now.

The board agreed in concept to taking charge of removing the old weather vane and having its replacement put up. Brian Story agreed to take the lead on working with VSC on this.

Duncan said there was another old weather vane inside the old town hall building and VSC donated it to the Historical Society. It has been transported to the Historical Society building. It needs some work. Duncan volunteered to try to put it back together. It is handmade and very old. The Historical Society will try to see if they can find anyone with old pictures or knowledge of whether it was on the roof of that building at one time. They assume it was.

10. Jim Barlow – Introduction to the Board

Eric introduced Jim Barlow, who was a staff attorney for VLCT for many years. (*Dean and Duncan left.*) Jim said he has been a municipal attorney in Vermont for 13 years. In September he started his own practice, working for municipalities in Vermont. He has been visiting selectboards to let them know his services are available. He is familiar with the whole range of municipal issues. He would be glad to assist the town if they need legal services. However, he is not interested in handling litigation. (*Jim left at 7:59.*)

11. Jennifer Burton – Brick Oven Proposal

Jennifer Burton said she would like to build an outdoor masonry oven for bread, pizza, etc. She attended a workshop last week with Duffy Gardner on building these ovens. He is willing to build one with our community. She thinks through volunteer work, grant money, and donations she can get an oven built without cost to the town. She hopes to put it on Legion Field. It would be an asset to the community. Groups could use it for fund raising or it could be rented for private events.

Eric asked where on Legion Field she is thinking of locating it. She said she is thinking of a corner not occupied by the Historical Society or the bandstand.

Mark Woodward said Norwich has a bread oven on their village green. Someone comes each Friday and bakes bread for people to buy. Some people in Worcester have one at a private house. It seems there are more and more of these in Vermont. People in the community can bring their own dough to bake or buy bread baked in them. It would take up a space about 16 ft. x 12 ft. Jennifer said she was hoping to have a seating area by it as well. Mark said he thinks it would be fun for the school, college and community to build this. Jennifer said she thinks there is a pretty good chance of getting grant funds. She would like to build the oven in the spring. There is a small grant that she thinks she can apply for in January or February and a larger one that can be applied for at any time. The Historical Society would write a letter of support.

Eric asked if Legion Field is morphing into more of a park and less of a ball field. He seldom sees anyone use it as a ball field. Jennifer said she has never seen it used as a ball field. Doug said a few years ago it was used regularly. If we are morphing it into more of a park he thinks we should figure out if ball fields are available elsewhere. He would be interested in knowing more details about exactly where the oven would be placed and about parking. Nat said he thinks the oven sounds like a good idea. Legion Field is used for baseball by the Rec Committee. There are some problems with using it as a baseball field. It can get a little loud for neighbors. They try not to schedule baseball there but they do use it. He thinks one mistake that was made with the bandstand project was letting it get started before funding

was in place. He would like to see funding in place before this project gets going. Jennifer said she is happy to try to get the money in place first, but first she needs town support.

Mike moved that the selectboard provide a letter of support for the project of building a brick oven to be located on Legion Field, seconded by Kyle. Mike said this motion is about supporting the project in concept. The details can be worked out. Jennifer said she is committing to managing use of the oven for the first few years. (*Roger Marcoux arrived at 8:12.*) Mike asked, what if she doesn't want to do it anymore? She said she thinks there will be other people who will be willing. **The motion was passed.**

12. Steve Engel – Clock Tower Repairs

Steve Engel reviewed the history of the clock tower on the Masonic temple. The Masonic temple used to be a Baptist church that was in a different location. It was dismantled and rebuilt downtown in 1855. In the 1880's Reverend Dexter Whiting, who lived in the house Duncan now lives in, donated the clock to the town. The town redid the tower to accommodate the clock. From that point on, the selectmen were put in charge of the clock. It isn't known when the tower became the town's responsibility, but it has long been tradition that the town owned the clock and the Masons owned the building. The last time the tower had any substantial renovation was 1989. The issue is that it is leaning. Doug McCarty looked at the tower and said the work that had been done on it was the worst job he ever saw. He thought the worst case scenario was that the tower would have to be taken down and rebuilt but he felt someone who knew what he was doing could probably fix it in place. A structural engineer would need to look at it. (*Bert and Alex Nadeau arrived at 8:18.*) He proposes that the Masons, the selectboard and the community work together to get it fixed. It is an iconic part of town. It would be a shame to let it go. If the clock is taken out, the Masons will have to take the tower down. They can't afford to take care of it on their own. They have some money to fix the front of the building. They are working on becoming an LLC or non-profit so they can be eligible for grants.

Eric asked about using the bell. Mark Woodward said he could make the bell ring but he is not convinced that neighbors want to hear it all night. It is not programmable to shut off at 10:00.

Steve said in the past any renovations to the tower have been done by the town. (*Jennifer Burton and Mark Woodward left at 8:29.*) There is money available that the Masons can't get but the town probably can, from the same people who gave money to Copley for the emergency room and to Laraway. Ownership of the tower is a gray area. There is no quit claim deed. First the Masons want an engineer to assess the tower, then we can go after money. They are asking the board to help pay for an engineer's assessment. They can pay for part of it.

Mike said there is no question that we own the clock and bell, but do we or don't we own the tower? Eric said that is an open question. Doug asked if the Masons could convey the tower to the town to clear up that issue. Steve said the Masons can't find anything that nails down whether that has already been done.

Doug asked if the Masons can find out how much an engineering study will cost. Steve said yes, they will look into it.

13. Roger Marcoux – Sheriff's Department Budget

Roger Marcoux said the budget advisory committee has been working all summer. Nat and Duncan have been there and Brian Story has started coming. The first draft of the budget presents a problem. Last year LCSD didn't use the full budget. They gave back about \$47K to the 3 communities due to not having gotten a full-time detective on the ground yet. This year they need that \$47K to pay for the detective. Although the first draft percentage increase to the budget is 3.5%, the increase in cost to the towns is greater. Johnson's cost went from \$406K to \$440K. Nat was concerned about that. LCSD has a retention problem. They finally have a full complement of people – 6 patrol officers and one detective.

Roger said Hyde Park and Williston have a policy about what to do when there is carryover. When he has had carryover and it has been turned back to the towns he thinks it has ended up in the general budget and hasn't gone back to the community. He is hoping we can continue the monthly summer advisory committee meetings. He thinks they have been beneficial. He also feels the town should look at some kind of policy to hold over extra money so the next year the town is not hit by a big hammer. He said Hyde Park and Wolcott didn't have an issue with the proposed budget increase, but whatever is decided for Johnson, he has to do something similar for other towns.

Eric said when there is a surplus year with some money left over, if it is applied to reduce taxes it looks good that year but then it looks like a bigger increase next year. In this town we had a time when we had a lot of money carried over and we started putting it into things like a capital equipment fund. We can draw on that money when the building needs work. That helps with budgeting. Roger said he thinks we need to agree on a policy.

Nat said if LCSD had kept that money, the increase last year wouldn't have been 2%, it would have been 13%. We would have had the same conversation last year we are having this year. What happened to cause that increase? He knows there is an increase in worker's comp costs, but that doesn't explain \$40K. Roger said one thing that has been killing them is overtime. He thinks this will be the first year in a long time when they have full staff. He thinks they won't have to use as much overtime.

Roger said he needs guidance about what he should do this year that the town can live with. He will run with that to see where can make some cuts.

Eric said part of the justification for overtime was that LCSD could never get to full staff and had to have overtime to cover shifts, so wouldn't there be a reduction in overtime costs now? Roger said he thinks cuts will have to be in overtime and/or part-time salaries.

Eric said the public safety line item for the town budget is about 40% of the town budget. Most of that is patrol. Roger said he needs to know a target for his budget that the town can live with. Brian S. said he made a graph of changes in the LSCD budget over the last few years. It looks like around 3% or a little less is typical. There was one spike year. Eric said that is when they brought the detective on board.

Roger said he has a pot of money he can use to provide a radar speed sign for Johnson that can go on a telephone pole or its own pole. It can't be moved around; it is pretty much permanent. Brian said we can't put it on a state highway without state authorization.

Eric said the board has not had time to discuss yet what target to give to Roger. Historically the board has always wanted to see more "quality of life" type policing, like foot patrol in the village. Or pedestrian safety, Kyle said.

Roger brought up the opiate epidemic. Nat asked if he knows how many overdoses there have been in Johnson this year. Roger said he doesn't know. He knows there was one overdose in Johnson where the person was brought back with Naloxone and one person who died of a fentanyl overdose. Fentanyl is very dangerous. External contact alone can cause a person to OD. The opiate epidemic is another budget pressure.

Nat said he would like direction from the board for the next LCSD budget meeting. Mike said we can't skimp on the LSCD budget. Eric asked if Roger has any thoughts on how much he can sharpen the pencil. Roger said he can do better than his first draft, but he doesn't want to make an ignorant statement. He still needs to do some review.

Doug asked, if LSCD had had a full-time detective our budget would have been \$47K more last year? Roger said yes. He doesn't know exactly what the percentage increase would have been. Nat said the 3 towns got \$47K back. Doug said then the number we need to compare to this year's budget to figure the percent increase is our share of the \$47K added to last year's budget. Roger said last year we saved 4.34% and this year the budget went up 8.32%. He thinks about \$10K equals a percent.

Eric brought up the vicious dog issue that was recently in the paper. A dog was being moved around between towns. The board found that Johnson could not go by Morrisville's order. Morrisville's order only encompasses their town. Roger said his understanding is that the dog has been confirmed to be dead. He said the Hyde Park town manager wants a code enforcement officer position shared with other towns. Any new position adds about \$90K to the budget. Eric said even if we had a code enforcement officer, if a dog was moved this town couldn't enforce a selectboard order from another town. *(Roger left at 9:11.)*

14. Administrator Report, Action Items and Signature Required Items

Brian S. said he met with Zane Burke from Department of Labor Mine Safety. Zane came out to help him go through the application for a mine ID, which has been filed. That is the first step to get federal trainers and help from MSHA. We had a mine ID for the gravel pit we owned before the current one and they want to reassign the number to the current pit. Zane is confident he can do inspections for us. He would like to do the first one in October. It would be non-binding. He would just be making a list of things we need to do.

Brian and the Nadeaus have talked about getting testing done on the other Nadeau property.

Brian said municipalities with under 10 acres are exempt from needing an Act 250 permit, so now we are just working with MSHA. He hopes to get MSHA's help with the closure plan as well, to make sure it meets current regulations.

Eric said we qualify for an exemption because of the size of the gravel pit. If we get MSHA requirements straightened out we can extract what is left from the current pit. But if we look at purchasing additional land from Bert to open a new pit, it will expose us to a requirement to get an Act 250 permit because we will go over the acreage threshold. There will be a time when we will own both the old pit and the new one.

Brian said we may need at Act 250 permit. We will explore that with the state's Act 250 people. They may be okay with the situation if we close one at the same time we open the other and don't have more than 10 acres in operation at one time. We don't know how much acreage we will buy. Maybe if we buy a small acreage we will stay under 10 acres.

Bert said he thinks there is more gravel in the town pit than the selectboard is estimating. Brian said the estimate of a year and a half to two years is a conservative one. Eric said we could make it last longer if we mixed manufactured gravel with what we have. Brian said we might want to do that. (*The Nadeaus left at 9:26.*)

Nat moved to authorize Eric to sign the net metering agreement with The Green Lantern Group, Kyle seconded and the motion was passed with Mike opposed.

Brian said he got advice to periodically reissue the authorization to Sharon and David to impound dogs. **Doug moved to authorize the board to sign the new animal impoundment form authorizing the constables to impound dogs, Kyle seconded and the motion was passed.**

Brian said a Green Up Day coordinator is needed. Kyle said Jen Stefanski is ready to hand over the baton but Kyle has reached out to some other people. The board agreed to thank Jen for all her efforts. Brian said he will post a notice on Front Porch Forum advertising the need for a new coordinator and thanking Jen for her service.

Eric said he had talked to Gordy about possible dates for a joint meeting with the trustees. It looks like the boards will not meet until it is time to have a budget meeting. Maybe the next joint meeting will be just to discuss budget items such as joint employee pay increases and benefits. Eric asked if we want to have a moderator for this meeting. Kyle said yes. She sees value in it. She feels it is the most efficient and effective way to get things done. She thinks we need a neutral third party guiding us. Nat supports that position. He doesn't see a downside. Mike said it keeps everyone on task. He doesn't see what's wrong with it. Eric said he agrees. Doug said he thinks it is a fine idea. The board agreed that all 6 of the suggested dates at the end of November and the beginning of December would work. Brian said he will give those dates to Meredith.

The board agreed to suggest dates of November 1 or 2 for a joint meeting with the school board and trustees.

Brian said the village received grant money for a brownfield study on Railroad Street. At least one site that will be studied is owned or jointly owned by the town so the town may

want to submit a name for consideration as town representative to the Railroad Street Area Wide Plan Steering Committee. Kyle agreed to serve as town representative.

Brian said Roger Marcoux offered to buy the town a radar speed sign. He would like to accept the offer. He also plans to apply for a grant to get more speed signs. That might be a regional effort in cooperation with other towns. He wants to discuss placement of the sign. Does the board want him to determine where to place it or bring suggestions? Mike said he should come with suggestions.

Nat moved to appoint Kyle as representative to the Railroad Street Area Wide Plan Steering Committee, Mike seconded and the motion was passed.

Eric said if we are only going to get one speed sign he would support putting it on School Street around the school. Brian said we could place a sign in the state right of way but that would require an additional step of getting cooperation from the state. Doug said he thinks the board ought to receive a recommendation on where it ought to go and not just assume it should be on School Street. Eric suggested that Brian come back with proposals. Brian said the main places he is considering are Railroad Street, Main Street, Clay Hill, and School Street.

Nat asked if we would be able to move it on an annual basis. Brian said that is the hope. He doesn't know how permanent the installation is. There are solar powered ones which would allow it to be semi-permanent. The concern is whether there would be damage if we tried to move it.

Brian wants to apply for a grant to get more speed signs and broaden our study on pedestrian and traffic safety.

Brian is putting together a Johnson Arts Council. Its first meeting will be October 24. Nat asked what its relationship to the town is. Brian said it can be independent or it can be more like the Rec Committee. His thought was that it would be independent but keep the town informed. He sees this as falling under the economic development part of his job. Mike said he thinks it should be independent.

Brian said he, Noel Dodge, Brian K., and Meredith met and went over the decision making process to determine if a tree is a hazard tree. He thought it was a very productive meeting.

Brian said the easement for the water line in Legion Field is going well. The school has it under review with their lawyer.

We are not submitting an application for a Municipal Planning Grant in this round. For the next round Brian thinks we should consider a grant application related to housing. He wants grant funds to implement recommendations in our housing study from a few years ago. Almost none have been implemented. We can try to hire a consultant to help us turn recommendations into actionable items. Doug said he was on the Planning Commission when they did that housing study. He thought they were going in exactly the wrong direction.

He feels putting in more low income housing is the wrong direction. Brian said he wants better low income housing. He is thinking of replacing current housing with better housing. He wants to have more conversations about this.

Brian was pursuing a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to pay for speed signs but he wasn't able to put together a competitive application. That grant is meant for much larger projects. He won't invest more time on that now. He will try for a different grant that is more right-sized for our goals that will come up in the spring. Nat said speed signs are not that expensive. He isn't opposed to just paying for them. Brian said they are usually \$4-5K each.

Brian has a street naming policy ready for the board to vote on. The animal control policy is still in progress. He has been doing research on other town policies on heavyweight or tracked vehicles. He hasn't been able to find any other town tracked vehicle ordinance.

Brian is getting site visits set up to get estimates for painting the Mill House. Eric said the village seemed receptive to the idea that the village might take the lead on repairs to the municipal building and the town would take the lead on the Mill House. Brian said they are not eager to give up their share of the Mill House. Troy has his office there.

Brian is working on getting quotes from electricians to make sure get we get the electric vehicle charging station done under the grant we already have, which has a deadline of the end of November.

The Beard Park dedication has been moved to spring as the whole Beard family couldn't get together in October.

Brian spoke to Maurice Harvey today about his encroachment on the Gomo lot. Maurice said the selectboard at one time told him he was allowed to mow on the property. He is interested in signing a document saying he has no intention of taking ownership but is just maintaining it for the town. Doug said he would like to discuss this further in executive session.

The candidate forum is October 25 at 6:00. Brian would like to use town funds to buy refreshments. **Mike moved to authorize expenditure of up to \$50 for refreshments for the candidate forum, Doug seconded and the motion was passed.**

Brian said the proposed community forum on Johnson State/Lyndon State unification is on hold for now. The college didn't express a lot of interest and Brian has been too busy to follow up.

Our VLCT renewal has been completed.

Nat said the Travis Hill water line issue has been outstanding for a while. He feels we need to resolve that. He doesn't think Duncan ever talked to Travis Hill about the course of action the board agreed on in executive session. He suggested that Brian ask Duncan where that stands. Doug agreed.

Brian said the vicious dog that was being kept in Johnson bit a resident of Johnson who visited the house. The attack was severe. The hospital sent us a report, which was sent to Sharon. Sharon spoke to the people who had the dog. She was going to impound it, but then she heard from the Morrisville police department that they were looking for it because it bit someone there. Sharon and the police met with the caretakers of the dog. They claimed it was destroyed but couldn't provide proof. They contacted Sharon afterwards and invited her to come back without the police to see evidence of the dog's destruction. She did and she took photos. Doug asked if the dog was euthanized in an appropriate fashion. Brian said apparently the caretakers shot it themselves.

Nat said Morrisville ordered the dog to be put down and the owners didn't obey. Didn't the Morrisville selectboard have authority to fine them until they obeyed? Brian said he doesn't know enough about what happened in Morrisville or about the Morrisville ordinance to say. He would expect the selectboard would have some leverage. For our ordinances we want to have some kind of penalty.

Doug said he thinks we ought to get the facts straight. It looked to him like Morristown accepted the dog being moved out of their jurisdiction as an acceptable solution, when that wasn't appropriate. He suggested asking candidates at the forum about legislation for the whole state related to vicious dogs.

Brian said he working on a rental housing inspection with Sharon that is likely to be contentious. He is working with a lawyer. They haven't done the inspection yet.

Doug moved to enter executive session to discuss Maurice Harvey's encroachment on the Gomo lot as there could be potential litigation over the legal status of that lot and public discussion of the matter could put the town at a substantial disadvantage, Mike seconded, the motion was passed and the board entered executive session at 10:28. The board came out of executive session at 10:46.

Mike moved to direct Brian Story to talk to the town attorney to work up an agreement to talk to Maurice Harvey about the Gomo lot, Kyle seconded and the motion was passed.

Mike moved that the board sign the agreement with Alan Lehouillier, Kyle seconded and the motion was passed.

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48.