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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, June 5th 2017, 6:30pm
UNAPPROVED

Selectboard present: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin, Colin Sorenson (via conference call)

Visitors: Michael Snider, Brent Godin, Sue Wilson, Anita Woodward, Larry Letourneau, Marijke Dollois, Sarita Khan, Ann Lavery

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:35p.m.

1. **Review and make any changes to the agenda.** Add approval of May 22nd minutes, add item 3A(f) Cote Road, item 5c Leaks, 5d Consumer Confidence Report, item 7F, complaint against a town official.

2. **Review/approve minutes of the May 15th meeting.** Addition to 5b Colin expressed concerns about agricultural practices within source water protection zone due to lack of testing mechanism for glyphosate. 6b: Charlie requested to replace the phrase 'gun safe' with 'fireproof safe'. Mark motioned to approve the May 15th minutes as amended seconded by Jacob and passed 4-0-1 by roll call vote of: Charlie-yea, Mark-yea, Jacob-yea, Colin-yea, Darren-abstention. Mark motioned to approve the minutes of May 22nd as written, Jacob seconded, and they passed by 3-0-2 by roll call vote of: Charlie-yea, Mark-yea, Jacob-yea, Colin-abstention, Darren-abstention..

3. Public Works

a) Roads and Bridges

a. **Grants: Status Updates:** Mark will be in touch with Bethany at NRPC as the town will have closeout paperwork on the paving project at some point.

i. **Amended Paving Grant**

ii. **Structures Grant for Route 58**

iii. **Better Back Roads Bridge and Culvert Grant**

iv. **USFS Culvert Grant for AOP design**

b. **Longley Bridge Update**

i. **Easement.** The town is still waiting on the survey.

c. **Fuller Bridge Repairs.** Carry over to Camera Monitoring.

official under the Policy on Complaints adopted by the town on Jan 16th 2005. Ann gave the selectboard her comments regarding the matter of the complaint. Charlie outlined the process that needs to be followed per the town policy and stated this item will be on the next agenda.

- Brent Godin expressed concerns with new paving job on Rte 58. The area where the town roads approach 58 differs from Regan, Demar, and Howard Rd. Michael stated he has been in contact with Pike Industries to discuss that particular road issue. Brent also stated that the height of guard rails is an issue on 58, Mark noted that is part of the plan to raise up the current guardrail height to create a safer buffer for vehicles. Larry Letourneau queried the board about the road grading classes and whether anything had been scheduled for the Highway crew. Mark noted that they are on the list to be notified when grading classes are available but the OSHA course, that is a prerequisite, is only offered by the State of Vermont once or twice a year. Larry asked whether it was possible to request help from Enosburg for some extra guidance on grading or ask someone to conduct a class. Mark stated he will reach out to Jim Cota to see if anyone from the state could come out for the purpose of training for a day or two as an extra resource. Michael noted the lack of product for grading, stating that they do not have enough gravel for adequate repairs in some places. He also noted that Enosburg and Berkshire both have their own gravel pits that they screen themselves which allows for greater ease of access and better product for road usage. Weather has been another impediment to work this spring.
- Sarita Khan stated that her property at 88 Cote Rd, has an issue with a bridge leading up to the house; her tenants cannot get oil/gas delivery because the bridge has not been certified and deemed unsafe to cross by the delivery company. Discussion took place. Michael stated that the company could send a regular Service Truck, which should be able to deliver gas in a 100lb tank(s), until the bridge can be fixed. Charlie will address this issue with Liberty Propane.

5. Water Commission Issues

- A. Source Water Protection Plan.** Completed.
- B. Ordinance Review re: materials.**
- C. Leaks on Black Falls.** Our water operators located leaks on Black Falls that were causing treated water to drain into the river, these have since been repaired, and the plant should see a decrease in the water system operation for usage and electricity. Board members discussed the SOS billing during hours/after hours regarding repairs. After 5pm is not part of the contract for services. Mark will write SOS a letter stating that they will need to contact the water commission first and have the work orders approved prior to emergency work. Mark will report back to the board on this matter.
- D. Consumer Confidence Report-** Water Commission membership on report needs to be amended to include the change in board members. The consumer confidence report will be distributed with the June bills and will include a direct link to the report. Discussion took place. Darren motioned to approve the CCR, with the changes in board members, and authorize Deanna to sign and send in the certification Mark seconded and the motion passed 4-0-1 by roll call vote of Charlie-yea, Mark-yea, Jacob-yea, Darren-yea, Colin-abstention.

6. Old Business

a. Final Appointments

- i. Zoning Administrator.** Carry over given the complaint. Charlie will reach out to the Planning Commission to discuss rectifying the lack of formal oversight for the Zoning Administrator position.

- ii. **Rep to Wild and Scenic.** Misty McCartney was nominated by Charlie and elected to a one year term.
- iii. **Planning Commission vacancy.** Abe Barnard submitted his resignation. Charlie has not heard from PC on a recommendation.

b. Town Office Needs

i. Next Steps with Community Engagement

- 1. **Preparation for June 19th meeting with VCRD.** Jacob prepared an inquiry document draft for the design process of how to address the questions, goals, and problems in order to make the most of the upcoming meeting with VCRD. This process will help identify and inform the structure the town can follow before taking any steps regarding engineering quotes or building designs. The goal is to develop a strategic plan for the community and define the structure through which the town can achieve these plans. Jacob noted the board needs to review this to make sure it accurately reflects what the board feels the goals/questions are. Board members reviewed and made comments/suggestions. Charlie will reach out to town officials to issue formal invites to the meeting and will leave any further personal invites up to other board members to reach out to individuals to garner as many people from different viewpoints/stances on the subject at hand. Jacob updated board on his contact with the Orton Foundation. Jacob stated that they can offer free tech support as needed however the program itself is a much larger comprehensive 1-2 year plan that may not suit the needs of the town. Jacob suggested reviewing the documentation they sent and seeing whether this is could be a potential resource.

c. Balloting Initiatives. Carry over.

d. Stanion Court Case Status. Carry over.

e. Options for Electronic Participation at Open Meetings. The line in the conference room is not active but there is the potential to setup wireless routing for conference call purposes. The board will investigate this further.

f. Posting Locations (Elementary School addition). Colin submitted a revised cost estimate for the bulletin board stating that the cost of a Plexiglas case, requested by Sandy Alexander, was more than what was originally looked at. Sue Wilson suggested whether Colin could look into contacting a local builder/or carpenter to have a board built for the town, Colin will look into and get back to the board. Charlie has contacted other boards for opinion on mandatory postings and has not heard back.

g. Economic Development—Future Efforts. Vacant Building Ordinance proposal. Darren updated the board on available grants for both businesses and homeowners under the designated village area. Residents should contact the town or Darren for information

about the grant programs. Darren can look into whether the town might be eligible for any of these grants as well. Darren reviewed the draft of the Vacant Building Ordinance. Discussion took place. Board members agreed that more in-depth discussion should take place before enacting a new ordinance.

7. New Business

- a. **Sorenson Insurance Claim.** Carry over.
- b. **PACE District.** Carry over.
- c. **Trout River.** Michael informed the board that discharge of raw sewage into the Trout River on the lower part of Rte 58 has occurred, the Department of Environmental Conservation was notified as well as the Town Health Officer. The case is open still. It is possible that the DEC officer has not reached the site yet. The issue was in a certain area but no specific property was indicated. A nearby resident, whose property was given as a reference point, has taken some corrective action in case there was any leakage stemming from their septic. The town still needs to determine whether that has rectified the situation as it was unclear whether that septic site was the actual source of the problem. Colin stated that he did not have any further health concerns with the property owner.

(conference call ended at this time)

- d. **Overweight Truck Permits.**, Mark motioned to approve the overweight permits for A&D Excavating & Leach Family Inc seconded by Darren and passed 4-0.
- e. **Liquor/Tobacco Licenses.** None

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters. The board will hold the complaint at 5:30 for the next selectboard meeting and invite VCRD for 6pm on June 19th. Board reviewed the letter from Keith & Lori however they noted the current budget does not have money allocated for donations at this time, they will need to submit a request to the budget committee this fall for the 2018 budget. All orders were signed at this time.

Charlie motioned to end the meeting, and was seconded, the board adjourned at 9:10pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Elizabeth Reighley