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**MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**

Monday, December 20th 2021

6:30pm

Public Service Building Conference Room - 86 Mountain Road

Zoom Recording:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/ds0y-F9ZFE0tSj9lexqCVpEq7m2v3lcPWF0wfb96jWgf4tUlc-bxcUIA74UuFLY.EDLvNZVR7vFd1iFN> Passcode: x&J0v!aJ

In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, NWATV. On Zoom: Emily Kimball, Mark Brouillette, Suzanne Dollois, Larry Letourneau, and Anita Woodward.

Charlie called the meeting to Order at 6:39pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—None made
2. Review/approve minutes of the December 6th meeting (*board action*)
 - a. Emily moved to approve the minutes as written; seconded by Suzanne; roll call vote 4-0-1 (Leanne abstention); motion passed
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
 - i. Grant Updates
 1. Reapplied for Better Back Road grant for Hill West with revised numbers—\$59,433 total (town share \$11,886, will need to budget this)
 2. Grants in Aid for Black Falls in place, work pending for spring
 3. Potential Watershed Grant application pending for work farther up on Black Falls
 - ii. Project Updates
 1. Breakdowns all fixed. Plowing season underway.
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. 98 Main Street (*update*)—no update
 - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*)—no update

- c. Water Commission
 - i. Updates (*update*)—Mark and Charlie have been in contact with State re: material to finalize Hydrologic study funding; Mark meeting Tuesday with State folks re: final questions
 - ii. Regan Road Pump Station Project (*potential board action*)—board recapped project. Emily made a motion to authorize the expenditure of up to \$18k of the Town’s ARPA funding to execute the project; seconded by Leanne; Unanimous approval. Mark will seek additional estimates on electrical work to meet potential procurement reqs. Charlie will contact landowners re: easement reqs.
- d. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*)—no update at this time
- 4. Visitors
 - a. Larry and Anita – discussion of Regan Road pump station project budget breakdown detail
- 5. Old Business
 - a. ARPA Appropriations (*update*)
 - i. Community Survey (*update*)—Charlie provided update and list of Community survey responses to members. Discussion ensued.
 - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*update*)—Charlie provided update on flow rate conversations with State and potential project modifications to get concurrence. Charlie also reviewed current funding framework per potential modifications to NRBC and proposed State ARPA funding opportunity. Hoping to have clarity on this by years end.
 - c. Municipal Website Updates (*discussion, potential board action*)
 - i. Emily met with Liz and Genevieve re: potential changes to Town Website; Emily is following up on information needs before reaching out to Zack; discussing management recommendations going forward; key points eliminating redundancies and increasing efficiencies
 - d. Signage on School Road (*status update*)—recapped previous conversation re: bikes coming off mountain bike trail, etc. onto School Road. Signs will ordered.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Health Officer Stipend (*board action*)
 - i. Budget committee approved increase from \$150 to \$300, passed as part of FY21 budget, but Selectboard never fully adopted.
 - ii. Motion—Emily made a motion to increase the Health Officer stipend from \$150 to \$300 annually; second Suzanne; discussion that Board may want to revisit this during the FY23 budget process and potentially increase; passed with unanimous approval

- b. Town Meeting Day 2022 (*planning/discussion/potential board action*)
 - i. Charlie laid out current timeline. Board discussed pending legislation to allow towns to once again move to Australian Ballot. Will likely need to make formal decision at next meeting.
 - ii. Charlie reviewed reqs to instate a Local Option Tax as passed in March 2021, proceeds to support debt service on Wastewater System. Without passage of legislation stalled in Senate Finance town will need a formal Charter Amendment. Charlie moved to warn a Hearing on proposed Charter Amendment for Jan 24th; seconded Suzanne; unanimous approval
 - c. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)—none
 - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none
7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
8. Review Action Items for Board Members
9. Adjourn
- Suzanne made a motion to adjourn at 7:45pm; seconded by Leanne; unanimous approval
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm