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SPECIAL and REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, July 2nd 2018
6:00pm
UNAPPROVED

Select Board Members: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin (arrived at 6:50PM)

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois, Elizabeth Reighley

Visitors: Melissa Haberman, Sebastian Araujo, Marty Velandar, Greta Quintin, Joe Sherman, Joe Gilmartin, Jared Jewett, Roger Langevin

6:00 PM—Hearing on Town Plan revisions proposed by Planning Commission

Charlie called special meeting to order at 6:10PM

Letter received from MVDA concerning wind page 43. Charlie motioned to adopt plan with strike of last sentence, 6th paragraph, page 43 referring to wind resources in neighboring communities.

Darren seconded motion. No further discussion. Passed by unanimous vote 5-0

Charlie closed the hearing at 6:30 PM

Regular meeting to begin at 6:30pm

Charlie called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 PM

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Changes/additions: addition of municipal planning grants, hire for town road vacancy

2. Review/approve minutes of the June 4th and June 22nd meetings (*June 18th meeting was canceled*)

Darren moved to approve both meeting minutes; Leanne seconded. Unanimous approval 5-0.

3. Public Works

a) Roads and Bridges

Rushford Valley work is complete. Majority road grading complete.

a. Grants: Status Updates:

July 14th deadline for one of the grants (unspecified at meeting).

Mark will meet w/ Michael Snyder and Deanna on grant status(s).

- i. Structures Grant for Route 58
 - ii. USFS Culvert Grant for AOP design
 - iii. Municipal Grants in Aid Pilot Project
 - iv. SFY Transportation Alternatives
 - v. Municipal Roads Grants-in-aid program
- b. Brady Road
Pending. Carry over.
- c. Bridge Inspection Report (follow-up re: Creamery Bridge)
Continued discussion with State. Appears state liable for 95% of repairs,
pending confirmation of new project. Carry over.
- b) Buildings and Grounds
- a. Generators: Training
Pending. Carry over.

4. Visitors @ 7:00pm

>Melissa Haberman representing the MCA. Proposed crosswalks at the three-way intersection in the center. Request for potential for signage, speed-readers, signage regarding engine brakes. Adding stop-sign to 118 corner in addition to existing 242 stop sign.

Darren moved to send a letter to VTrans to prompt a study to make the intersection of 118/242 a three-way stop and/or crosswalks. Seconded Leanne. Passed unanimous 5-0.

>Roger Langevin. Franklin county sheriff candidate. Former Franklin County state trooper from St. Albans. Expressed support for Melissa's concern; suggested solar-powered speed-readers. Not endorsing prospective contract, but seeking to participate, offer assistance to community as desired.

>Marty representing Grateful Treads Bike Club: Dreamers Road does not enhance existing bike network.

>Greta Quintin re: Act 46 related matters. Secretary of States' potential plan to merge conveying school property from our district to unified district property. Proposed seeking written opinion from municipal attorney regarding town property interests and rights. Additional speculation re: possibility of special trust established and enforced based on seller's preservative intent. School currently deeded to Montgomery School District, which is not incorporated and therefore school property likely defers to Town of Montgomery ownership.

Jacob clarified SBs intention to remain transparent and respectful to School Boards sovereignty and due process, while still supporting the possibility of retaining independent legal counsel on the matter as it relates to town property.

Board decides to move forward asking Charlie Merrimen to provide a quote and points-list suggesting direction towards options retaining school property.

5. Water Commission Issues

No new business. Carry over.

6. Old Business

- a. Town Office/Post Office (main street location)—further discussion on next steps.

9AM 7/2/18 walk-through meeting with consultant Todd Hobson of Clay Point Associates to assess condition of building and offices. Consultant will suggest and prepare for testing, environmental contractor bids, and evaluations. Evaluation will be presented to VCRD. If accepted, Clay Point Associates will provide culmination close-out evaluation at end of prospective renovation.

- b. TH. 13 (Dreamers Road) reclassification—continued discussion re: Class IV Road and Trail policy(s)

No final report yet issued to date on reclassifying road as trail. Received guidance from FPR re: trail reclassification. Discussion ensued re: Kurloski/Venible correspondence. Darren motioned to rescind initial decision to reclassify and maintain the classification as a class IV road, seconded by Mark. Unanimous 5-0. This essentially maintains status quo and settles the matter.

- c. Stanion Settlement update
Deadline July 20th. Follow-up with resident.

- d. Cemetery Commission Consolidation
Carry over.

- e. Blouin Bros consolidated fuel delivery contract (review and possible vote)
Carry over.

- f. Recourse options for future burn permit violations
Carry over.

7. New Business

- a. Appointment of Town Treasurer (vacancy pending—July 10th)

Deanna resigning as Town Treasurer pending July 10th.
Mark nominated Erin Kopaz as new Treasurer upon resignation, with appointment remaining will be until Town meeting 2019. No other nominations. Erin Kopaz appointed by unanimous vote 5-0.

b. Ed rate calculations/Set Municipal Tax Rate

Board reviewed Tax rate calculations:

1.5795 resident rate; 1.9672 non-resident rate

.4353 non resident total municipal tax rate

Addition of .005 as recommended for pending Current Use certification

adjustments to Grand List, bringing totals to:

Resident 1.5845

Non-resident 1.9722

Total municipal rate .4403

Mark motions to set tax rate residential as described, with total municipal at .4403

Darren seconded motion. 4-0 approval with 1 abstention by Jacob.

c. Update on VCRD community visits (schedule)

To start early September.

Currently laying groundwork to network within town to create initial steering committee.

d. USDA Community Development Grant

Streetscape planning process possible funding. Due October 1st. Darren will spearhead with boards consent.

e. Overweight Truck Permits

n/a

f. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

n/a

Charlie moved to enter into Executive session at 7:56 PM for purpose of discussing Road Crew hire.

Darren seconded. Unanimous 5-0.

Darren moved to come out of executive session at 8:10 PM. Leanne seconded. Unanimous 5-0.

Mark motioned to hire Shane Reed as town highway foreman at a rate of \$19.50 per hour, to go to \$20 per hour after 90 day probationary period. Seconded by Jacob. Unanimous 5-0.

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Jacob. Mark seconded. 8:25PM. Unanimous 5-0.