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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, July 6th 2020
6:30pm

Full recording of the meeting can be found here:

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Attendees: Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Suzanne Dollois, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin
Clerk: Genevieve Lodal-Guild

Visitors: Matt Silva, Merle Van Gieson, Sue Wilson, Michael Snider, Roberta Baker, Suzanne Pelletier

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. This meeting served as a joint third hearing on the wastewater and streetscaping bond vote and the regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
Charlie added the item of "Driveway Permit" for Sean Gregorik under Public Works and under Visitors added Matt Silva, who had been in touch with Charlie before the meeting.
2. Final Hearing before July 7th Wastewater/Streetscape Bond Vote (*discussion/Q&A*)
Charlie opened the bond vote hearing with a call for any questions or discussion and reminded everyone that the polls open on Tuesday, July 7th at 10am and close at 7pm at the fire department bays at the Public Safety Building (PSB). There are two articles for the town to vote on: the first pertains to the bond for the wastewater portion of the project and the second pertains to the bond for the streetscaping portion. Charlie said that he received official acknowledgment Monday from the USDA that they had formally adopted the environmental addendum to our engineering report, which formally qualified the town for the 75% grant loan ratio and 1% interest rate. Jacob asked if Charlie could give a recap on the common questions and concerns that have come up through the

website and the previous hearings. Charlie responded that the main questions have centered on: the mechanics of who pays for the wastewater system, the separation of the funding for the 2 projects, the mechanics of the physical system/structural questions. Jacob asked if any of the information had been informed by the drone work as a supplement to the initial engineering work. Charlie responded that the drone work was able to capture more specifics and better estimations.

Merle asked about the parking spaces outside of the Grange Hall lot and their safety implications. Charlie responded that this design is preliminary and the plan of the traffic intersection design should be with a focus on safety. It would all be subject to final engineering and design.

3. Review/approve minutes of the June 15th meeting

Suzanne made a motion to approve the minutes, Leanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, aye. Mark abstained. Motion passed.

4. Public Works

a. Roads and Bridges

i. Grant updates

Michael reported that the Pilot Project grant used on paving for Hill West and West Hill has been completed and will be submitted shortly, which will result in a return of \$27,884.43. Michael also said he had been in communication with John Wilkins at VTrans about a grant the town had applied for 2 years ago, which would fund work on the Route 58/Mill Hill culvert. Due to an unknown reason, the paperwork had not made it to VTrans before, but it was resubmitted for reimbursement today. This refiling would result in a \$20,219.13 structures grant coming in, which would be additional unbudgeted income.

ii. Fixed Radar Speed Signs (*update*)

Charlie reported that the installation cost came in way above what was projected, but the Town was able to find additional money in the budget to help offset these costs. Charlie clarified the installation costs with Lafayette and has asked about the installation dates, which the Town is still waiting on.

Michael reported that the Road Crew has been busy with FEMA work and is trying to get the roads graded and the chloride on (for dust).

b. Buildings and Grounds

i. 98 Main Street (*update—discussion under USPS, Old Business*)

Still no work from USPS about the building. The Town did receive information about guidance for developers on where to place mailboxes. Suzanne asked if there was any information about a prospective new location on Main Street; Charlie responded that he was not sure about the Old Bank Building at this point.

ii. Generator repairs (*discussion, potential board action*)

Charlie reported that we are still waiting on information from Brookfield, so this issue will carry over to the next meeting.

Michael asked about cleaning services for the Garage. Charlie mentioned that it had been discussed in April and that the issue could use a revisit soon for all town buildings.

c. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) update re: Longley Bridge Road project (*update*)

Charlie reported that a couple of weeks ago, Michael, Charlie, and Erin met with Linda from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission to get in touch with Dubois King, but there has not been any more information there.

d. FEMA (*update*)

Charlie reported that we are in weekly contact with our FEMA representative. Our damage inventory was “locked” last week, which means the list of reimbursable work are finalized. Now we need to submit reimbursement requests, which are blocked by area. We hope to start receiving the reimbursements soon.

e. Staffing (*discussion*)

Charlie suggested to pass over this item and move it to the end of the meeting to go into executive session, as it is a personnel matter.

f. Driveway Permits

i. Sean Gregorik on 1283 North Hill Road

Leanne made a motion to approve the driveway permit for 1283 North Hill Road, Jacob seconded. Vote: 5-0, aye. Motion passed.

ii. Heather Ross/Hilary Lefebvre on 234 Creamery Bridge Road

Mark made a motion to approve the driveway permit for 234 Creamery Bridge Road, Suzanne seconded. Vote: 5-0, aye. Motion passed.

5. Visitors

Matt Silva asked Charlie to resign due to a comment made on a Facebook post, which he felt was racially insensitive. Charlie responded that he agreed that the comment was inappropriate, so he took it down, though that he is not intending to resign. Discussion ensued among board members and visitors.

Merle asked about whether the consultant to the Listers has been terminated. Charlie responded that he wasn't sure that it was formalized, as the need for the position had passed. Charlie made a motion to terminate the assistant to the Listers position, Leanne seconded. Vote: 5-0, aye. Motion passed.

Sue mentioned that she has been dismayed that the flags on the telephone poles have not been put up on Memorial Day, Flag Day or July 4th. Michael responded that they have not had enough time to get everything done and also that the OSHA Loss Control Safety officer said it was an illegal (and fineable) activity to be using a bucket loader to lift Road Crew personnel up to hang the wreaths and flags. In moving forward, there will need to be a new means to put them up.

Suzanne Pelletier asked about when the library would be open again. Charlie responded that the Library Board governs that and he would reach out to the Library Board to see what their thoughts are. He reminded everyone that there is a high-speed wireless hotspot now at the PSB for public internet needs.

6. Water Commission Issues

No current issues. Mark thinks they pumped the tank at the water building but had not checked in with Ross yet. Sue asked who clears out around the hydrants. Mark responded that it should be Simon Operations and he will confirm that with Ross.

7. Old Business

a. COVID-19 and Municipal/Local Response (*updates/discussion*)

Charlie mentioned that the business grants have opened up for submission, which can help make up for a loss of income over the pandemic period.

b. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (*update*)

Suzanne reported that the Town has received the station unit, which is in the PSB garage. She is trying to schedule a time with Doug Kopacz to install them, and Erin will be submitting for reimbursement shortly.

c. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)

- i. Status updates
- ii. Outreach Material
- iii. Timeline—Action Items/Next Steps

Charlie reminded everyone that the Bond Vote is Tuesday, July 7th.

8. New Business

a. Set Municipal Tax Rate (*board action*)

Charlie reported that we do not have all of the information yet, so he asked to table this item until the next meeting.

b. Voter Check List re: general election (*discussion*)

Charlie reported that Liz has requested to schedule a time with the Board of Civil Authority to go through the voter checklist in advance of the General Election to address any discrepancies and to review it.

c. Overweight Truck Permits - None

d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

Mark made a motion to go into Executive Session at 7:42 to discuss personnel issues, Suzanne seconded. Vote: 5-0, aye. Motion passed. Charlie invited Michael to stay on for the session.

Mark made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 7:52, Jacob seconded. Vote: 5-0, aye. Motion passed.

9. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

10. Review Action Items for Board Members

11. Adjourn

Leanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mark seconded. Vote: 5-0, aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.