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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
Monday, January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021  
6:30pm

Full recording of the meeting can be found here:  
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Attendees: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin, Mark Brouillette (arrived at 6:50)  
Clerk: Genevieve Lodal-Guild  
Visitors: NWATV, Sue Wilson, Merle Van Gieson

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
2. Review/approve minutes of January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting  
Leanne made a motion to approve the minutes of January 4th, Mark seconded. Vote: 3-0, Aye;  
1 abstain. Motion passed.
3. Public Works
  - a. Roads and Bridges
    - i. Grant updates  
Charlie said that there is a Wild & Scenic River Study Committee grant that we're looking at to help some culvert work, and it will be due in February.
  - b. Buildings and Grounds
    - i. 98 Main Street (*update—discussion re: USPS, TDBank ATM renewal*) - no update
    - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation/RFP (*continued discussion/updates*) -  
Charlie reported that the Library has returned their needs assessment, which gives us a scope of the bigger project with what they would like to do for their facilities.
    - iii. Town Hall/Grange furnace/chimney status (*update*) -  
The chimney at the Grange is falling in on itself, so it's damaging the furnace. Michael has the furnace up and running so that the Grange is usable for Town Meeting elections, but it needs significant work.
  - c. FEMA (*update*)  
Charlie reported that we are still trying to chase down reimbursements with the State and expects that we should receive them within this fiscal year but would like a more precise time frame.

d. Removal of Trees on Black Falls Brook (*update/pending estimates*)

Carryover for Mark and Michael's estimate

e. School Drive Signage (*discussion, board approval*)

Jake Hartman, on behalf of the Mountain Bike club, has asked if signage can be put up on School Drive to indicate a crossing for the mountain bike trail.

Charlie made a motion that we approve the installation of signage on School Drive indicating there is a crossing, Mark seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

4. Visitors

Merle asked why the Town now has permanent speed signs instead of the portable trailer cart. Charlie responded that the Town was borrowing the Sheriff's portable cart and, due to the funding sources available, we opted to install permanent signs.

Sue asked what the date is for the departments to have their budgets in by. Leanne and Mark responded possibly January 21st. Discussion ensued.

5. Water Commission Issues - none

6. Old Business

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

b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates/board action*)

i. Status updates

Charlie said that most of the work right now is around financing; we have the loan offer from the USDA (following the bond vote this summer), so we know what our debt obligation will be. Now the task is to figure out how to meet that debt obligation. We have looked at the plate of options and expect to have a report on Wednesday so that it can be reviewed before next Monday's meeting (which is in anticipation of our Town Meeting warning). Merle asked how changes might be made to the Streetscaping project; Charlie responded that that element is on pause until we can figure out financing for the Wastewater portion.

ii. Timeline—Action Items/Next Steps

c. Town Meeting Planning (*Discussion, Timeline review Budget Committee update, Warning discussion*)

Charlie reported that the budget is coming together really well. There should be two more meetings of the Budget Committee before a draft is ready, which Charlie will disperse to Board members. He said we're looking at about a 30% decrease in the tax rate from last year.

d. Communications Union District Update (*update*) - none at this time

e. Approval for Farmers Market to use Village Green (*board action*)

This item was discussed at the previous Selectboard meeting. It is a request from Sue for the Farmers' Market to expand onto the Village Green in order to accommodate further distance between vendors and between customers.

Jacob made a motion to approve the use of the Village Green for the Montgomery Farmers' Market this year, Leanne seconded. Vote: 3-0, Aye. Motion passed.

7. New Business

- a. Overweight Truck Permits -
  - i. Carroll Concrete
  - ii. Barrett Trucking Co.

Mark made a motion to approve the fleet permits for Carroll Concrete and Barrett Trucking Co., Jacob seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

- b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses—*none*

Leanne asked, on behalf of a citizen, whether there was any cost incurred by the Town for the installation of the electricity for the electric vehicle charging station. Charlie responded that there was a very small cost to the Town (maybe \$200), as most of it was covered by the grant.

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Leanne made a motion to adjourn, Jacob seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.