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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)  
Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 2020  
6:30pm

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:40PM.

Selectboard: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette (arrived 6:42)

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Jason Chartrand, Sue Wilson

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda  
Add to New Business:
  - St. Albans Police Dept. Dispatch Contract
  - Certificate of Highway MileageAdd to Overweight Permits: Newport Sand & Gravel Co., Inc./Carroll Concrete Co.  
Add to Liquor Permits: Darlyn, Inc.; Jolly Assoc.
2. Review/approve minutes of the January 6<sup>th</sup> meeting  
→Leanne moved to approve the minutes of January 6<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 3-0.
3. Public Works
  - a. Roads and Bridges
    - i. Grants (*status updates*) none at this time
    - ii. Fixed radar speed signs—speed study; request for installation to Vtrans (*update*)—Carry over this item until spring
  - b. Buildings and Grounds
    - Waiting to hear back on insurance claim
    - Post Office lease conversation/future of 98 Main Street pending reply from USPS
  - c. Personnel Update
    - 3 applications received. Interviews pending.

- d. FEMA/USDA EWP (*update*)
    - FEMA: none at this time
    - USDA: requested property value information for subject properties. Prospective qualifying recipients at this time discussed.
4. Visitors (7pm)
- a. Jason Chartrand—re: traffic speed/pedestrian safety on Main Street
    - Expressed his concerns about the conditions pedestrians face trying to habitually traverse along Main Street resulting from excess speed. Discussion ensued regarding measures the board is planning/considering (including radar speed signs, streetscape re-development with traffic calming measures/sidewalks & crosswalks, potential FCSD contract). Jason offered additional suggestions for board consideration.
5. Water Commission Issues
- a. 428 Mountain Rd, Montgomery Center
    - requested fee waiver re: burst pipes. Precedent is that property owners are responsible for any fees incurred by incidents which occur as a result of damage to private infrastructure Mark moved to deny the appeal of the water bill on the grounds of precedent; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 4-0.
6. Old Business
- a. Grant Updates
    - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC) → none at this time.
    - ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program → none at this time.
    - iii. *Other*
  - b. Montgomery Thrives Committees (*update*)
    - i. Waste Water and Streetscape Preliminary Engineering phase (*update*)
      - none at this time.
    - ii. Streetscape Project (*update*)
      - Darren re-capped discussion from kick-off meeting
  - c. Sale of Ambulance (*update—potential board action*)
    - Pending. Needs further vehicle details, Suzanne will follow up.
  - d. Vacant Building Complaint (*update*)
    - Doug has a prepared letter to be sent based on exterior examination. Requests interior examination based on electrical and water concerns.
  - e. Potential Contract with Franklin County Sheriff (*continued discussion, potential board action*)
    - Charlie provided overview of most recent changes that have been made re: termination and shared priorities. The Board will give notice to the Budget Committee to include the contract amount in the Budget to be voted on at Town Meeting. Charlie will

finalize contract language with VSP and a draft will be posted on the Town website when Warning is posted.

- f. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
  - Charlie reported on additional researched: State keeps 30% of proceeds from local option taxes, reserves for PILOT payments. From FY2018 data: the meals tax in Montgomery (9%) = 1.6 million, FY2019 was 1.7 million. 1% could be \$191,000.
  - Same FYs on rooms (9%) was approximately 700,000. 1% would be \$70,000
  - Alcohol was not reported because there were “less than 10 reporting entities.” Unknown at this time.

## 7. New Business

- a. Shared Health Officer with Enosburgh (*discussion*) Charlie trying to connect with Jim Cameron, pending—carry over
- b. Time Meeting Timeline, Warning (*discussion*)
  - Special meeting scheduled for January 30th.
  - Deadline passed re: voter petition submission deadline.
  - Roads and Town Dept discussion 1/21 at PSB.
- c. Public Service Building cleaning (per library concerns)
  - Joey is shifting away from cleaning responsibilities. Hiring prospective should be in the works. Proposed Town and Library will split costs of hire.
- d. St. Albans Police Dept. Dispatch Contract
  - Annual contract \$14,364 (19% increase) attributed to recently renegotiated staffing and updating of equipment. This is a must pay.
  - Mark moved to adopt the St. Albans Police Department Dispatch Contract; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 4-0.
- e. Certificate of Highway Mileage
  - Mark moved to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage year ending February 10th, 2020; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 4-0.
- f. Overweight Truck Permits
  - Mark moved to approve the Overweight Truck Permit for Newport Sand & Gravel Co., Inc./Carroll Concrete Co., Inc.; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 4-0.
- g. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses
  - Mark moved to approve the 1st class liquor license and outside consumption permit for Darlyn, Inc., seconded by Leanna 3-0, Darren abstains.
  - Mark moved to approve the 2nd class liquor license for Jolley Assoc., LLC., seconded by Leanne. Darren abstains.

## 8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

→Darren moved to adjourn; seconded by Mark. Unanimous, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:53PM