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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, August 17th 2020
6:30pm
Unapproved Minutes

Full recording of the meeting can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBM2-yFPPp4&t=3s>

Attendees: Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin
Absent: Leanne Barnard, Suzanne Dollois, Clerk: Genevieve Lodal-Guild
Visitors: Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward, Barry Kade

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Charlie added "Request from the MCA" under New Business.

2. Review/approve minutes of August 3rd meeting

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 3rd meeting, Jacob seconded.
Vote: 3-0, Aye. Motion passed.

3. Public Works

1. Fixed Radar Speed Signs

The speed signs have been successfully installed.

2. Buildings and Grounds

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

No updates at this time, as there has been no word from the USPS.

b. Generator repairs (discussion, potential board action)

Charlie recapped that we had looked for quotes on fixing or replacing the control panel from 3 different companies; only Milton CAT services our area (in addition to Brookfield, current vendor). They offered to replace the current control panel for an estimated \$3-5k (in comparison to the quote from Brookfield for \$11k).

Charlie gave them the go-ahead, so they have started work. Milton CAT is also preparing a service agreement so that the Town can swap service from Brookfield, should we want to do that. The generator should be repaired within the next week.

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

The project kick-off is due to take place at 11 am on August 25th on site.

- d. FEMA (update)

Charlie reported that we are still progressing with receiving reimbursement requests. There is a bit of a stall because any time work is done in a stream, permission is required, even retroactively, from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Environmental Conservation.

4. Visitors

Barry Kade asked which of the tax due dates would mark delinquency. Charlie responded that after November 13th, there would be delinquency for the entire education portion and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the municipal portion. After May 13th, there would be delinquency for the remaining $\frac{1}{3}$ of the municipal portion.

5. Water Commission Issues

Mark reported that Ross flushed the hydrants.

6. Old Business

- a. COVID-19 and Municipal/Local Response (updates/discussion) - no updates/discussion

- b. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (update) - carryover

- c. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (updates)

- i. Status updates

Charlie reported that we should be hearing from the USDA this week on their funding offer; our project qualifies as a regional economic development initiative, which can further expand its funding potential. The Town heard from the Northern Borders Regional Commission last week to ask for affirmation that we could still go through with our projects with even partial funding (e.g. \$500,000 instead of \$1 million). We submitted that affirmation. The NRBC is voting this Friday, so we should know after Friday.

- ii. Timeline—Action Items/Next Steps

There is a Public Information Meeting on August 19th at 6pm. While it is public, individual invitations were sent to property owners within the wastewater system area to ensure greater awareness. The agenda for the meeting is loose and will include time for the engineers to answer construction and engineering questions.

d. Tax Due Dates

Charlie explained that on May 18th, the Board passed the proposal for due dates and changes in penalty for tax year 2020. The first due date of August 13th needed to be changed to September 14th because of delays from the State. Mark made a motion to amend the property tax due dates to September 14th 2020, November 13th 2020, and May 13th 2021; Jacob seconded. Vote: 3-0, Aye. Motion passed.

e. Communications Union District Update - no update at this time

7. New Business

a. Garden Club

Charlie said he had a conversation with Marsha Phillips, and it sounds like the Garden Club will be disbanding. There is now a question as to what will happen to the funding and who will take over planting the garden boxes.

b. Absentee Ballot Request(s)

Charlie explained that this agenda item was added due to a request from Colin Sorenson around when absentee ballots are made available and when actual ballots are requested and then received.

c. Voter Check List re: general election (discussion)

This will be discussed at the next Selectboard meeting.

d. MCA Request

Charlie received an email from Sebastian Aruajo, who asked if the town would be willing to cover the cost of a load of stone to fill holes in the MCA parking lot (at an estimated cost of \$100). Charlie asked what the Board thought about the request and its implications of setting a precedent. Mark responded that it might set a bad precedent and that the Town-owned PSB driveway has not been fixed because of affordability. Charlie added that the MCA is a community organization, not an extension of a municipal entity. Jacob agreed that while it is a great organization, the need for the driveway fixes might not be a strong enough reason to start this pattern.

e. Overweight Truck Permits - none

f. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses - none

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Jacob made a motion to adjourn, Mark seconded. Vote: 3-0, Aye. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm.