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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, October 2nd 2017, 6:30pm
Unapproved

Selectboard members: Charlie Hancock-chair, Darren Drevik-vice chair (absent), Mark Brouillette, Colin Sorenson (absent), Jacob Racusin (via conference call)

Visitors: Carolyn Carlson, Sue Wilson, Michael Snider, Marc Jaffee, Kevin Scheffler, Bethany Remmers

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

6:35 Charlie called the meeting to order

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda. Charlie reviewed the agenda posting issue with regard to a glitch with the agenda not appearing on the website. Add item 3AVii 2018 Transportation Alternatives Grant/Culvert Replacement, 7c Conservation Commission Appointment, 7d ATV/VASA Meeting, 7e S.27 Required Police Coverage.

2. Review/approve minutes of the September 18th meeting. Mark motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Jacob and approved by a unanimous roll call vote.

3. Public Works

a) Roads and Bridges

a. Grants: Status Updates:

- i. **Amended Paving Grant.** Finalizing paperwork, Michael is scheduled to meet with Deanna to gather necessary documents.
- ii. **Structures Grant for Route 58.** Carry over
- iii. **Better Back Roads Bridge and Culvert Grant.** Bethany reviewed the status on the BBR grant for culvert and road erosion inventory, she stated Montgomery would be next after Berkshire is done. BBR Grants are due in November and NRPC is available to help with grant writing.
- iv. **USFS Culvert Grant for AOP design.** Bethany stated this is on hold and NRPC now has an engineer on retainer and they are in the process of finishing the design work before this will go out to bid.

- v. **Municipal Grants in Air Pilot Project.** Michael recapped the meeting with Shaun Coleman.
 - vi. **2018 Transportations Grants/Culvert Replacement.** Michael stated the town may have to budget for a sweeper if we cannot get the cost covered by a grant. Mark noted they would look into culvert replacement and bank stabilization which they might be able to work into this particular type of grant. The application paperwork would need to be submitted by November. Mark will set up a time to meet with Bethany to discuss this grant, she stated there is an estimated 2.2 million available for potential projects.
- b. **Longley Bridge Update**
 - i. **Easement.** Charlie has not heard anything from the Longleys since the last meeting he will follow up for the next meeting.
 - c. **Fuller Bridge**
 - i. **Monitoring.** Carry over
 - ii. **Covered Bridge Ordinance Review.** Carry over
 - d. **Brady Road; Cote Road bridge/culvert needs.** Michael has not received a quote from St Onge. Charlie suggested drafting an RFP to contract for bridge work. Carolyn suggested the board reach out to Jim Cota for guidance. Charlie will get in touch with Sarita for the status of the tanks at the Cote property that is still in question for immediate bridge needs due to the culvert failing.
 - e. **Road Crew Training.** Carry over
 - f. **Driveway Permit-Black Falls Rd.** Catherine & Thomas Fleck have requested a driveway permit, Mark as Road Commissioner has inspected this, Charlie motioned to approve this request and Jacob seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

b) Buildings and Grounds

- a. **Generators.** Carry over.

4. Visitors. Carolyn Carlson, Senior Structures Project Manager for VTrans, addressed the board and present residents regarding the STP Deck projects for Bridges 19 & 20 on VT Route 118. She discussed the type of work that would take place, addressed concerns about bridge railings, and traffic control during the construction phases. The project has progressed to the design phase, VTrans is getting permits together, developing plans, and obtaining cost estimates. Carolyn outlined the current condition of the bridges and discussed the projected plans for the deck replacements stating that Bridge #19 was estimated to cost around \$1,920,000 & Bridge #20 came in around \$1,848,000 for deck replacements; 80% of which will be paid by federal funding and the remaining 20% will come from the state of Vermont. This will occur in phased construction where the two bridges will each have one side of the bridge being built with one way traffic then they will build the second half and connect the two. During the construction phase when there will be 1-way traffic the two bridges will be closed to pedestrians & cyclists for safety reasons. Carolyn stated that the project will hopefully be ready to go out to bid by November 2018 and construction would take place in April of 2019.

Marc Jaffee expressed his interest to the board in the Planning Commission vacancy and provided a copy of his resume. Charlie suggested that Marc should attend the next Planning Commission meeting and

upon recommendation from the Planning Commission the Selectboard will make an appointment.

Kevin addressed the board stating that the radios for fire and rescue are still experiencing communication issues, the two volunteer departments are hearing conflicting information regarding the repeaters on Jay Peak, and the issues with Central Station. Kevin will be getting an estimate from Burlington Communications for voice over email contact communication, this could cost around \$5-6 thousand depending on whether they buy new or used, which will need to be factored into next years' budget.

5. Water Commission Issues

- a. **Ordinance Review and Amendments.** Carry over

6. Old Business

- a. **Town Office Needs.** Charlie has been in touch with the Dept of Health, they stated that he should reach out to VOSHA again and look into the laws and information about occupational safety. Charlie queried whether the town would have jurisdiction under occupational safety to ask the USPS to relocate and how this would affect the lease, he will be reaching out to Charlie Merriman to obtain legal opinions on this matter. Jacob stated that he has put in a call to Larry Smith with VLCT to gain some helpful information on their stance on the matter, he will follow up. Jacob met with Brian Russo from Polygon Group and Deanna to get estimates on decontamination of documents, he will be getting a quote for this, after their meeting Jacob stated that it is very likely that the building needs to be gutted down to the studs in which case the board would need to work on maintenance protocols.
- b. **VCRD Community Visits Program (pending announcement Fall 2017) / Economic Development—Future Efforts.** Jacob did get a response from the letter of invitation he sent out on behalf of the town and he has been in correspondence to set a meeting date to discuss comments and questions regarding the letter.
- c. **Stanion Court Case Status.** Carry over
- d. **Vacant Building Ordinance proposal.** Carry over
- e. **Fire/EMS Radios.** Carry over
- f. **TH 33, Request for Discontinuance.** Carry over

7. New Business

- a. **Overweight Truck Permits.** None
- b. **Liquor/Tobacco Licenses.** None
- c. **Conservation Commission Appointment.** Carissa Stein expressed interest in the seat. Mark motioned to appoint Carissa and seconded by Jacob, the motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.
- d. **ATV/VASA Meeting.** OCT 26th there is a meeting in Johnson for open discussion on public road usage and local laws/ordinances for towns with increased ATV usage.
- e. **S.27 Require Dedicated Police Coverage.** Legislation is being introduced, Bill S.27, that may require dedicated police coverage in all VT Towns. Board members agreed that in the event that a member cannot be present during the October 24th meeting in St Albans that they should draft a letter in response to this bill to the Government Operations Committee.

f. Verizon Meeting. Carry over.

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters. All orders signed at this time.

Mark motioned to end the meeting seconded by Jacob and the board adjourned at 9pm

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Reighley