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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, October 21st 2019
6:30pm

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:36PM.

Selectboard: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Lynda Cluba, Wendy Howard, Jill and Rafael Antillon, Laura Snyder, Greg Lameroux, Ellen Fox, Barry Kade

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—no changes or additions
2. Review/approve minutes of the October 7th meeting
→ Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from October 7th; seconded by Darren.
Unanimous, 4-0 with one abstention (Jacob)
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges
 - i. Grants (*status updates*) → no updates at this time.
 - ii. Fixed radar speed signs—speed study; request for installation to Vtrans (*update*)
→ waiting for study completion. Charlie is in contact with NWRP.
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
→ Fish hatchery repairs should be complete by the end of the month.
→ Lynda asked about maps that are not in a secured space per statute reqs (issues with shelving in safe). Vault is pending long term grant approval and building renovation. Gun safe shelves need to be replaced in the short term. Charlie will follow up with Liz and Jaime about fixing the shelves.
4. Visitors (7pm)
→ Jill, Rafael, and Laura present to make their introduction as local hosts (short term rental owners) in relation to the Short Term Rental discussion. Charlie articulates the status of the conversation to this point. Discussion ensued. Ellen elaborated on her position and responsibilities as to short term rentals as the ZA. Discussion of an announcement/public information campaign to encourage self-reporting in response to bylaw reqs for conditional use review (otherwise complaint driven). Ellen offered to develop a rubric for prospective applicants.

5. Water Commission Issues
 - Process of overdue collections renews at the end of the month. No updates. Status update should be available for the next meeting.

6. Old Business
 - a. Grant Updates
 - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC)
 - With extra money available in the grant budget, will add lighting and protective bollards.
 - ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program
 - Charlie and Suzanne have information regarding grant and loan information that the Town might be eligible for particular as it relates to the Wastewater and Streetscaping projects, and/or the Town Hall renovations. Charlie will draft memo to committees (below)
 - iii. *Other*

 - b. Montgomery Thrives Committees (*update*)
 - Waste Water and Streetscape committees are going to merge and have a joint meeting shortly.

 - c. Sale of Ambulance (*update*)
 - Based on research of comparable vehicles, Charlie estimates \$6000 value. No objection to listing the ambulance at \$5,995. Will go out this week, newspaper, etc.

 - d. Vacant Building Complaint (*update*)
 - pending building inspection.

 - e. Short Term Rentals (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
 - See visitors discussion

 - f. Potential Contract with the Franklin County Sheriff (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
 - Based on feedback and discussion, acknowledging that nothing is final, Charlie proposes having Roger draft a contract that address the specific needs and hours for the Town. Needs: speeding in Village and Center (primary), randomized patrols along the back roads (secondary). Hours: should be spontaneous so as not to create a predictable schedule therefore should be randomized but with attention to the high-priority windows of time that warrant attention. Proposed 8 hours per week, (not including travel time to and from, which is not billed to town). Draft contract will be released for public comment when available.

- g. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
→ Charlie broke down the topic by visitor request. Discussion ensues particular relative to market analysis. Topic tabled, carry over.

7. New Business

- a. Shuttle Service between Jay Peak and Montgomery (*discussion, no planned board action*)
→ Darren shared topic based on Sarita's email. GMT offers shuttle service from town to ski resort. GMT requires contract via grant with VTRANS. Possible prospect for ski season 2020-21. Darren offered to spearhead that action.
- b. Budget Status Review (*discussion*)
→ Review and discussion. Charlie noted discrepancies and will follow-up.
- c. Overweight Truck Permits
- d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

→ Darren moved to to accept an addendum to the Grange Hall Rental Agreement; seconded by Jacob. Unanimous, 5-0.

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Darren moved to adjourn meeting at 8:07pm; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:07PM.