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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)  
Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 2019  
6:30pm

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

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: John Beatty, Sandra Beatty, Sue Wilson, Viola Woodward, Barry East, Amy Godfrey, Michael Snider, Everett McGinley, Arnold Mercy, Felisha Leffler, Gregory Lamoureaux, Andre LaBier, Lynn Locher, Sue Hogan, Robert Peters Sr., Pat Farmer, Carol Farmer, Sabra Massey, Barry Kade, Tosca Smith, Joe Sherman, Julie Adams, Marijke Dollois, Walter Knight, Beth Crane, Mike Mercy

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:37PM

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda  
→ Add to New Business: “Shuttle Service”
2. Review/approve minutes of the September 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting  
→ Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of September 23<sup>rd</sup>; seconded by Leanne.  
Discussion; Item 7.a. Change “Herchebees” to “Hurtebuisse”. 7.b. remove extra “L” from “facilities”  
→ Mark moved to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 4-0.
3. Public Works
  - a. Roads and Bridges
    - i. Grants (*status updates*)  
→ Pilot Program Round 3 Grant 2020 received and will be used on West Hill in preparation for fixing pavement.  
→ Better Roads Grant to be finalized and submitted tomorrow for reimbursement for work on Lane Road. Culvert on 58 to follow.
    - ii. Fixed radar speed signs—request for installation to Vtrans (*update*); product quote selection and order (*board action*)  
→ Order submitted and invoiced. VCRD will pay \$3,000. Should be delivered to town in the next week or so. State mandates a speed study of the areas to be installed, so Charlie will follow up with NRPC to determine protocol in order to finalize the process to get the signs finalized.

- b. Buildings and Grounds—nothing at this time
- 4. Visitors (7pm)—Public Comment and Discussion regarding Potential Contract for Police Services with Franklin County Sheriff
  - Charlie introduced the discussion topic. Potential contract discussion is in response to public safety and pedestrian safety concerns that have been expressed by community members re: traffic speed in center and village. Some concern over handful of break-ins/thefts over last six months reported to board. Nothing finalized at this time, though draft boilerplate contract has been received; Board invites Town input. Charlie recognized Andre Lebler, community member and Deputy with the Franklin County Sheriff's Department and opened the floor to him. Public comment period followed. Mixed responses heard by the Board with range of needs stated and potential concerns articulated. Main theme to emerge is concern over traffic safety. Questions about ability address various needs re: scale/periodicity of patrols. All community members encouraged to contribute to the long-term conversation whether in attendance at future SB meetings or via email or phone. Item will be put before voters in some form prior to any execution of contract.
- 5. Water Commission Issues
  - Outstanding accounts remaining, but payments are being received.
- 6. Old Business
  - a. Grant Updates
    - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC)
      - There is an extra \$200 in the budget for additional applications. Michael suggested lighting for that area. Suzanne will inquire if that is eligible within the grant parameters.
    - ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program
      - Suzanne and Charlie met with representatives from USDA and State DEC; received information regarding leads for prospective funding opportunities that the Town would be eligible for towards municipal projects. Charlie recommended that the Wastewater and Streetscaping Committees need to consider merging promptly.
    - iii. *Other*
  - b. Montgomery Thrives Committees (*update*)
    - Streetscaping Group submitted application for Municipal Planning Grant. Pending response.
  - c. Sale of Ambulance (*update*)
    - Carry over.
  - d. Short Term Rentals (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
    - Charlie spoke with attorney at VLCT who thinks the zoning bylaw definition of

lodging is strong and would cover short-term rental by owner. The zoning administrator and DRB will need to meet and discuss next steps/process re: communication with owners and address enforcement/compliance with conditional use approval. Discussion ensued. Charlie will follow up with ZA/DRB. Board will continue to draft potential ordinance to address concerns.

- e. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)  
→ Carry over.
- f. Vacant Building Complaint (*update*)  
→ Doug accepted appointment. Charlie will follow up.
- g. Grand List E&O Certificate (*board action*)  
→ Mark makes a motion to adopt the E&O certificate; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 4-0.

## 7. New Business

- a. EJ Prescott Quote for Services—meter reader software (*for board approval*)  
→ Mark made a motion to approve the quote from EJP Auto-read Support Software in the amount of \$2,187; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 4-0.
- b. TD Bank ATM Lease (*discussion, possible board action*)  
→ Bank is exercising a one year extension until November 2020 for annual lease.
- c. Budget Status Review (*discussion*)  
→ Carry over.
- d. Shuttle Bus  
→ It was requested by Sarita to begin discussion with Jay Peak to authorize a Shuttle Bus from the Mountain to better accommodate patrons of local businesses as well as the local business growth itself.
- e. Overweight Truck Permits
- f. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

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

## 9. Review Action Items for Board Members

## 10. Adjourn

Darren made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm; seconded. Unanimous 4-0