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MINUTES of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, November 18th 2019
6:30pm

Selectboard: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin
(arrived 6:47PM)

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Lynn Drevik, Sue Wilson, Jill Antillon, Laura Snyder, Philip Snyder, Sarah Snyder,
Alyssa Hardy, Walter Knight, Nick Barletta, Abe Barnard, Melissa Haberman, Todd Haun, Mike
Pratt, Judith LaPointe, Kristin Khan, Nicholas Lyons, Daniel Khan, Sarita Khan, Melinda
Swearingen, Joe Sherman, Marijke Dollois, Jane Presler

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

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
Add to:
Buildings and Grounds—Main Street Office Location
New Business—Personnel Discussion (Executive Session)
2. Review/approve minutes of the November 4th meeting
Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from November 4th; seconded by Leanne.
Unanimous, 4-0.
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges
 - i. Grants (*status updates*) →Carry over
 - ii. Fixed radar speed signs—speed study; request for installation to Vtrans (*update*)
→Waiting on completion of study; Carry over
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. Town Garage Boiler/Heating System—repairs/replacement
→ System failed again last week leaving the garage with no heat. John Mercy
has begun work to conduct preliminary repairs to the system with heat restored.
Full replacement still nessecary. Jacob did evaluate the system and his feedback
was that the issue was with the mechanical failure of the unit itself, not the

overall radiant system design.

→ Mark moved to accept the quote from John Mercy to install a new boiler system at the Town Garage, not to exceed \$20,100 to come out of the Buildings and Capital Improvements fund; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 5-0.

ii.

iii. Main Street Office Location

→ Pipe burst last week and proceeded to flood both stories of the building. Rondeau completed the repairs Sunday, but the remaining concern is with the water damage particularly related to the carpets, mold, etc. Charlie will work with Michael to remove the carpets immediately in an effort to remediate any lingering wet areas. PACIF claim to be filed.

c. FEMA update

→ Waiting for evaluation to be completed. Governor will likely issue disaster declaration by the end of the month, then must be approved federally. Any businesses in Montgomery that were damaged should file documentation immediately with the Town Clerk. Similarly, property damage and/or any damage from rip-rap/stream back should document and report that as well. Damage to homes should be reported to 211.

4. Visitors (7pm)

→ Melinda: Inquiring about Development Review Board result

→ Sue Wilson: Wreaths completed this Saturday, ready to hung after Thanksgiving. Came in under less that \$100.

5. Water Commission Issues

→ None at this time.

6. Old Business

a. Grant Updates

i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC)

→ Grant Agreement presented to Board

→ Darren made a motion to sign the VT Department of Transportation Grant Agreement; seconded by Mark. Unanimous, 5-0.

ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program

→ None at this time; carry over

iii. *Other*

b. Montgomery Thrives Committees (*update*)

i. Engineering Firm Selection for Wastewater Study (*board action*)

→ Committee met with two engineering firms for proposals to address the issue. Hoyle & Tanner was the preferred firm because they also can address the streetscaping engineering process as well as wastewater. Discussion ensued. Town has already received State grant to cover initial planning process.

→ Jacob made a motion to issue a notice of intent to negotiate an agreement with Hoyle, Tanner and Associates to complete the Wastewater and Streetscape studies; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 5-0.

- c. Sale of Ambulance (*update*)
→None at this time.
 - d. Vacant Building Complaint (*update*)
→Carry over.
 - e. Short Term Rentals (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)—*expected completion of draft for public comment, with hearing planned for December 2nd*
→ Darren recused himself from this discussion.
→ Charlie delivered background on this matter for visitors.
→ Selectboard reviewed edited draft of proposed ordinance. Discussion ensued. Draft from this evening will be posted on town website by Wednesday the 20th. A hearing for public comment and feedback will be scheduled for December, date/time TBD. Individuals are also able to reach board members via e-mail.
 - f. Potential Contract with Franklin County Sheriff (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
→ Board reviewed draft contract. Discussion ensued. Charlie will get back in touch regarding points of clarification.
 - g. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
→ Carry over.
 - h. Shuttle Service between Jay Peak and Montgomery (*continued discussion*)
→ Carry over.
7. New Business
- a. Conservation Commission nominations—Susan Baker (appointment), Misty McCartney (re-appointment)
→Mark nominated Susan Baker to serve a 4-year term, and to reappoint Misty McCartney for a 4-year term. Nominations were closed. Unanimous approval, 5-0.
 - b. Mark moved to enter into Executive Session for Personnel Discussion; seconded by Jacob. SB entered into executive session at 8:26PM.

Darren moved to exit executive session; seconded by Jacob. Unanimous, 5-0. SB exited executive session at 8:32PM.
 - c. Overweight Truck Permits
 - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses
8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Jacob moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.