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MINUETS of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, November 4th 2019
6:30pm

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

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

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Sue Wilson, Lynn Drevik, Gabrielle Lumbra, Melinda Swearingen, Joe Sherman, Felicia Leffler,
Greg Lameroux, Rafael Antillon

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
—> Add ‘change of use’ to Water Commission Issues.
2. Review/approve minutes of the October 21st and October 29th meetings
—> Darren made a motion to approve the minutes of October 21st; seconded by Leanne. 4-0, with Jacob abstaining.
—> Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of October 29th; seconded by Darren. 4-0, with Jacob abstaining.
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges
—> Update on flood conditions: Full list of damages filed today with Jim Cota, roads, extent of damage, lineage, pictures, etc. Charlie will connect with NRPC regarding FEMA process clarification. All roads currently at least passable, though some are down to one lane. Waiting for clarification on FEMA applicability for Class IV roads, such as on West Hill Extension where a culvert washed and the road was damaged. Current impression is FEMA cannot be used towards Class IV roads, but will clarify. No culvert available to replace at this time, but Town will provide gravel to assist.
 - i. Grants (*status updates*)
—> Select a municipal grant manager for Longley Bridge project. *Refer to item 3.iii.*
 - ii. Fixed radar speed signs—speed study; request for installation to Vtrans (*update*)
—> NRCP speed gun tests have started. Awaiting study results. Charlie will follow up.

iii. Montgomery TAP TA19(2)-MPM Selection/Procurement (*potential board action*)

—> Jacob made a motion to select Linda Blasch for the position of Municipal Grant Manager for the Longley Bridge bank stabilization project; seconded by Leanne. Unanimous, 5-0.

b. Buildings and Grounds

—> The furnace at the Town Garage, subject of ongoing repairs since installation is failing. Current repair estimate at \$20,000. Full replacement being considered rather than just heating element (replaced less than three years ago). Building Capital Improvement Fund will \$100,000+ available by the end of the year, but other projects required/pending. Jacob offered his expertise for unit/system review and will check it out.

4. Visitors (7pm)

—> Felicia: checking in post-flooding. Board expressed frustration with the State refusing to address dredging under the West Hill Brook Bridge. DEC refused to issue permit, and Vtrans will not raise bridge height. Discussion ensued. Charlie offered to draft a letter to the Governor from the Board.

5. Water Commission Issues

—> Change of Use for property on Main Street (formerly Main Street Cuts). Building is no longer being used for business and owner would like to revert to solely residential use; is requesting change in bond rate applicable to use. Letter needed from property owner.

6. Old Business

a. Grant Updates

- i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC) —> pending
- ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program —> pending
- iii. *Other*

b. Montgomery Thrives Committees (*update*)

—> Wastewater Committee is meeting with engineering contractors re: RFP Friday. Joint meeting with Streetscape Committee pending.

c. Sale of Ambulance (*update*)

—> pending. No bids received as of yet.

d. Vacant Building Complaint (*update*)

—> pending inspection completion and issuance of finding.

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

—> Charlie recaps background. At Charlie's request, Darren composed a draft of an ordinance for review based on content from other Community's attempts to address the issues at hand. Board aims to allow for balance between what property owners want to

use their properties for, while simultaneously protecting neighbors and supporting existing zoning bylaws. Review and discussion ensued. Second draft to be revised based on discussion for board review next meeting, after which draft will be released for public comment, with hearing planned to hear directly from community.

- f. Potential Contract with Franklin County Sheriff (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
—> Roger (or staff) will draft a contract based on parameters defined by board based on discussion (hours of coverage, priorities addressed, etc). Hope to have draft contract for review at next meeting.
- g. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
—> Charlie spoke with Agency of Commerce; market analyses attempted in the past but are not feasible. Carry over.
- h. Shuttle Service between Jay Peak and Montgomery (*continued discussion*)
—> Carry over.

7. New Business

- a. Review quote for map digitization project (*potential board action*)
—> Funds would come out of Restoration Fund.
—> Mark made a motion to accept the estimate from Bernard and Garvais for the digitization of the mylars not to exceed \$2500; seconded by Darren. Unanimous, 5-0.
- b. Complaint re: 204 Main Street
—> Resident filed complaint addressing zoning infraction, trash burning, and police presence. She was referred to Zoning Administrator and NWSWD to answer her questions.
- c. Overweight Truck Permits
- d. 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; seconded by Jacob. Unanimous, 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:42PM.