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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, December 18th, 6:30p.m.
Unapproved

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

Visitors: Michael Snider, Dan St Cyr-Clark's Truck Center, Sue Wilson
Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m

- 1. Review and make any changes to the agenda.** Road/Bridges Item F: Town Truck Issue
- 2. Review/approve minutes of the December 4th meeting.** Jacob motioned to accept as written seconded by Darren and passed 3-0.

3. Public Works

a) Roads and Bridges

- a. Grants: Status Updates: Carry over***
 - i. Amended Paving Grant**
 - ii. Structures Grant for Route 58**
 - iii. Better [Back] Roads Bridge and Culvert Grant**
 - iv. USFS Culvert Grant for AOP design**
 - v. Municipal Grants in Aid Pilot Project**
 - vi. SFY Transportation Alternatives**
- b. Covered Bridge Ordinance (adopted; pending effective date January 5th 2018).** Carry over
- c. Brady Road.** Carry over
- d. Road Crew Training.** Carry over
- e. Gravel (future needs, sourcing).** Carry over

- f. **Truck Issues-Dan Clarks Truck Center.** The 2009 International town truck has broken down and since been brought in for repairs however, the borrowed truck from Richford has also broken down for the fourth time and can longer be used feasibly during the interim of our truck being down. Michael has been in touch with Dan from Clarks Truck Center to discuss the repairs needed on the town truck and invited Dan to attend the meeting. Dan stated it will be a week and a half (possibly two) before the truck can be repaired and the repairs may have to include engine replacement which may not be worth repairing at this point as the truck is from 2009 and already has 9000 hours & 130,000 miles on it. Dan cited that upon initial inspection the crew found a crack in the charge air cooler which has allowed dust and dirt to get inside, exhaust manifold is leaking, the ARD head in exhaust has come apart, and there are coolant issues with the air compressor. Based on this initial inspection the estimate is \$16000 to repair this truck possibly more depending on how damaged the engine is. The Engine Tech is willing to put in overtime to work on this potentially starting tuesday morning. Michael stated that over that last four years we have spent \$41, 449.00 on this truck, not including the repairs being proposed tonight. Board members discussed options for truck replacement as the majority agreed that repairing the truck now, after how much has already been spent on this, would not be cost effective. Further discussion took place as Dan presented the different options for financing a new truck that would involve a five year term, one year deferred payment, and with Clarks Truck Center having an interest in purchasing the 2009 from the town the proceeds of that sale could be put towards either a down payment or a first annual payment. Given that the town debt services for the Loader and the Fire Pumper have been paid off this gives the budget committee two years to put set money aside into the reserve fund to conduct annual payments. In depth discussion took place. Darren, motioned to authorize Mark /or Charlie to sign and execute away from the table a lease/purchase agreement on a 2018 International truck for no more than \$47000 annually for a 5 year term with a one year deferred payment. Seconded by Jacob, Jacob added an amendment, that APR is not to exceed 3.25, motion as amended passed 4-0.

Michael will get in touch with Jim about the “Orange book” VTrans discussions to offer Montgomery as a location for one of the Franklin County meetings.

b) Buildings and Grounds

- a. **Generators: Service Contract; Training.** Charlie is trying to schedule a meeting with Doug to setup a time for local officials to participate in a

training session on the operation of the generator in the case of emergency.

4. Visitors

5. Water Commission Issues

- a. **Ordinance Amendments** (adopted; pending effective date January 5th 2018).
- b. **Budget.** Charlie, Kirk, and Mark will sit down and go over the Water Budget and compile the numbers for next year to provide to the budget committee.

6. Old Business

- a. **Town Office Needs.** Carry over.
- b. **Stanion Court Case Status.** Charlie has been in touch with Charlie Merriman regarding engaging the Stanions and entering into discussions with them to move forward with the case. Darren motioned to allow Charlie Merriman to draft a document to re-engage with the Stanions and outline the parameters of substance these talks as is pertinent to the case as it stands now, seconded by Jacob, motion passed 4-0.

Mark arrived 6:40

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- c. **Vacant Building Ordinance proposal.** Charlie handed out the incorporated notes/changes he made to the VBO for board members to review the changes which were tracked in red to indicate changes. They will review the changes and Charlie indicated that he would like to put the revised draft out for public comment again sometime in January.
- d. **Fire/EMS radios.** Carry over.
- e. **Proposed Amendments to Zoning Bylaws.** Carry over.

7. New Business

- a. **Overweight Truck Permits.** None.
- b. **Liquor/Tobacco Licenses.** None.

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

9. Review Action Items for Board Members. Jacob to invite either Jenna or Paul from VCRD to come to Montgomery Town Meeting day in March.

Jacob motioned to end the meeting seconded by Mark and the board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Reighley

NOTE: JANUARY MEETINGS of the SELECTBOARD are SCHEDULED for the 8th and 22nd