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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, February 1st 2021
6:30pm

Full recording of the meeting can be found here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/M9FJNWlsEEQ6SPQc6n-a5yl3QtIfgfNbId1-Hpw9QIJJErASj98WNYaihA1bQjc.11Rqu3ujhG6ROywt> Passcode: N5Njpm@i

Attendees: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin, Mark Brouillette

Absent: Suzanne Dollois, Clerk: Genevieve Lodal-Guild

Visitors: NWATV, Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward, Sue Wilson, Brent Godin, Barry Kade, Michael Snider

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
Charlie added, under Roads and Bridges: Certificate of Highway Mileage and under New Business: Launch of New Website.
2. Review/approve minutes of January 25th meeting
Jacob made a motion to approve the minutes of January 25th as written, Leanne seconded. Vote: 3-0, Aye. 1 abstain. Motion passed.
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges
 - i. Grant updates - none at this time
 - ii. Starr Driveway, Hazen's Notch Road issues
Mark reported that there was no culvert put in when the driveway was installed. He suggested that we redo the Town's driveway permit itself to improve clarity avoid future problems of this nature. He will work with the Starrs on Hazen's Notch and Heather Ross on Creamery Bridge to get the driveways fixed and then send a certified letter if needed.
 - iii. Certificate of Highway Mileage
Mark reported this Certificate is an annual form the Town fills out for reimbursement. The mileage is the same as last year. Charlie said that the Certificate should be part of the warned agenda, but it was not, so the Board will come back to this item at the next meeting. Charlie made a motion to provisionally approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage for 2021 (allowing folks to sign in the interim as able), to be ratified at the February 15th meeting, Mark seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

Mark mentioned that the washing out of Longley Bridge Road was looking bad and that we might want to contact the engineers and Linda at NWRPC (who are working with us on the TAP funding).

b. Buildings and Grounds

i. 98 Main Street (*update—discussion re: USPS, TDBank ATM renewal*) - no update

ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation/RFP (*continued discussion/updates*)

Charlie said he would like to reach out to Cross Engineering for a quote on design work to solicit an RFP for construction

iii. Town Hall/Grange furnace/chimney (*update*)

Charlie reported that we received a quote from Mercy's Heating for ~\$18,000 for a replacement of the oil furnace with a propane furnace. We are looking to swap fuel sources, as the cost of replacing the chimney would be high. Charlie added that we could likely receive grant funding for removal of the buried tank given the proximity to the river. Regardless, the funds to replace the furnace are accounted for in the FY22 budget. Michael is going to get a quote from Rondeau's, as well.

c. FEMA (*update*)

Charlie explained that we submitted all of our road projects last Friday, so all material has been submitted. The State has told us that our first round of reimbursements, around \$96,000, has been approved and is on its way. We expect the remaining reimbursements before the end of FY21. We can submit another category to cover some staff time, which will result in additional funds. Of note is that we did not request reimbursement for the work at Riverwalk park and the Community Gardens, because it was covered by donations of time, labor, and material and the actual expenditure came in under the minimum.

d. Removal of Trees on Black Falls Brook (*update*)

Mark reported that the work is done, and Jeff Donna carried out the work. We don't know the cost yet, but Mark expects that it should be reasonable.

Michael suggested that we think about posting a job opening for the Road Crew for sooner rather than later so we have plenty of time to find a suitable member.

4. Visitors

Larry said he thought the January 25th SB budget meeting went very well. He asked about the sample ballot and the selectboard candidacies. He said thanks to Jacob for his effort and work, and others echoed the sentiment. Sue said that she saw that Workers' Comp is going down 36%, so she hoped that reduction would include municipalities. Brent said that he spoke to Lynda Cluba about public dogs and loose dogs, and she would be interested in conducting the dog survey.

5. Water Commission Issues

a. Approval of FY22 budget

Charlie showed the budget and explained the various line items. Charlie asked for input, and discussion ensued.

Mark made a motion to approve the FY22 Water Budget, Jacob seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

6. Old Business

a. COVID-19 and Municipal/Local Response (*updates/discussion*)

Charlie reported that the vaccine roll-outs are happening, and there are still new cases in Franklin County. Mark asked about prioritizing the Road Crew for vaccines. Jacob mentioned that all of the MES is headed back to in-person classes. Discussion ensued.

b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates/board action*)

i. Status updates

ii. Timeline—Action Items/Next Steps

Charlie said that he was going to work with Zach to get the Thrives website updated to reflect updated information about the Wastewater Project and debt financing.

c. Town Meeting Planning/Town Report (*Discussion*)

Charlie reported that the official warning has been adopted, and we are still working on the Town Report.

d. Communications Union District Update (*update*) - no update at this time

7. New Business

a. Launch of New Website

Charlie said that he and Liz met with Zach to talk about the updates. Charlie explained that the search functions should be precise and full, and there should be a consistency with information, as items are tagged and amended across the entire website. The menu is much more dynamic and interactive, and items like agendas and minutes should be much more accessible. The target is to have this live February 15th or 16th.

b. Overweight Truck Permits

i. Bourne's Fleet

ii. RG Gosselin/Gosselin Water

iii. Artie Davis Logging

Mark made a motion to approve the overweight truck permits for A&D Logging, Gosselin Water Wells, Inc., Gosselin, Inc., and Bourne's, Inc., Leanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

i. Jolley (SB Collins) - 2nd Class License

Mark made a motion to approve the 2nd class license for Jolley Associates, Leanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Mark made a motion to adjourn, Leanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.