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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, February 15th 2021
6:30pm

Attendees: Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard, Suzanne Dollois

Absent: Jacob Racusin; Clerk: Genevieve Lodal-Guild

Visitors: Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward, Sue Wilson, Merle Van Gieson, Brent Godin

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

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Charlie mentioned that the Town website is currently being launched and should be live tonight.

2. Review/approve minutes of February 1st meeting

Mark made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1st as written, Leanne seconded. Vote: 3-0, Aye. 1 abstain.

3. Public Works

a. Roads and Bridges

i. Grant updates

Mark said that we have applied for a structures (Better Roads) grant. Charlie reported that there has been discussion about the Longley Bridge Road river bank (TAP project); there is no emergency funding to help at this point, and we don't expect construction to happen this summer given the state's timeline for approval. Mark asked if we could implement any intermediate fixes (e.g. jersey barriers, spending funds that will be matched).

ii. Certificate of Hwy. Mileage (*ratify*)

This is the formal approval of the decision made at the last Board meeting. Mark made a motion to approve the Certificate of Highway Mileage, Leanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

b. Buildings and Grounds

i. 98 Main Street (*update—discussion re: USPS, TDBank ATM renewal*)
No update at this time.

ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation/RFP (*continued discussion/updates*)
Carryover until after Town Meeting Day.

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

Charlie explained that we received the quote from Mercy's Heating and are still waiting on the other quote from Rondeau's.

- c. FEMA (*update*)
Charlie reported that we have received the first deposit of funds, so money is finally coming in.
- 4. Visitors
Larry asked if we had all the signage installed for the electric vehicle charging station; Charlie said there are some signs up already and we may look for a directional sign to place at the roadside. Sue asked when the Town Reports will be available; Charlie responded this Thursday or Friday. Merle asked where the Reports would be available; Charlie said they would be available outside the PSB and at both Post Offices. It will also be available on the Town website. Brent asked if we could check in with Lafayette to re-angle the solar panels on the radar speed signs.
- 5. Water Commission Issues
No issues at this time.
- 6. Old Business
 - a. COVID-19 and Municipal/Local Response (*updates/discussion*)
Charlie explained that there are more local cases than in months past.
 - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates/board action*)
 - i. Status updates
There are ballot items for Town Meeting Day that will impact the forward movement of these projects, so there will be more updates after March 2nd.
 - ii. Timeline—Action Items/Next Steps
 - c. Town Meeting Planning (*Discussion*)
Charlie reported that we have the informational meetings scheduled and that warnings will be posted soon.
Reminder: The meetings will be held via Zoom on Saturday, February 27th at 10am and Monday, March 1st at 6pm. Polls will be open at the Grange from 10-7 on March 2nd.
 - d. Communications Union District Update (*update*)
Everett McGinley sent the Board an email update where he said: The survey results are in and have been published, showing an urgent need for reliable, affordable broadband in our area; The CUD has hired an engineering firm to perform a feasibility study for the construction and operation of a fiber network; and the CUD is keeping abreast of federal and state monies and funding, still moving forward with the idea that a local solution will be most beneficial.

Sue asked if the results of the survey could be put on the Town Website.
- 7. New Business
 - a. Dog Officer
The Town has been missing an officer and now has a more urgent need for one because there are a couple of dogs who need to be taken into care. Dorothy Preston has been suggested as a good candidate, and Charlie has reached out to her and left a message.

Charlie made a motion to extend the position of Dog Officer to Dorothy Preston, Mark seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

b. Overweight Truck Permits

i. Working Dog Septic

Mark made a motion to approve the Overweight Truck Permit for Working Dog Septic, Leanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, Aye. Motion passed.

c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

i. Darlyn, Inc. (Phineas Swann)

ii. Bernie's (restaurant)

Mark made a motion to approve the Liquor licenses for Darlyn, Inc. and Bernie's, 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, Suzanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, aye. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Genevieve Lodal-Guild