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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Town Office
Monday, May 2, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
UNAPPROVED

Selectboard Members present: Scott Perry-chair, Charlie Hancock-vice chair, Mark Brouillette, Sarah Silva

Visitors: Michelle Schaap, Titus Presler, Joe Sherman, Barry East, Martina Tesarova, Barry Kade

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Scott called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda. Add item 11-c Phinneas Swan catering license. Include under item 3-g Buildings & Grounds: Sunray Fire and Security.

2. Review/approve minutes of April 18 and 21, 2016. Mark motioned to accept the meeting minutes of April 18th with the following edits, seconded by Charlie, passed by a vote of 3-0-1 abstention:

Item 3 2016 First Quarter Budget review: A draft 1st quarter report of expenses and revenues was presented for members to familiarize themselves with before a more in-depth review will take place at the next meeting.

Item 4-C Letter request for lowering speed limit on Route 118 near Riverwalk Park: The letter detailed the request to lower speed limits in residential areas, blind corners, and increase safety for traffic approaching town. Mile markers, bridge numbers, and current signage were obtained by Colin to submit to the State Traffic Committee to make a decision about lowering speeds. In addition to editing it was suggested that the overall speed consideration be lowered to 30MPH for the entire segment.

Item 4-D Longley Bridge Project Update: Board members agreed Bridge would not be needed.

Item 4-E Equipment & Personnel: Charlie motioned to authorize Mark to sign any paperwork necessary to pick up the new truck. The board also reviewed and approved a new work agreement for Larry Kneen.

Item 6 ATVs/Justin Roque President of Northwest VT Wheelers: Justin Roque, President of the Northwest Wheelers, and vice President, Jeff Curtis, were present to introduce themselves and let the Board know that their reformed group was the area's VT ATV Sportsmen's Association (VASA) chapter. They promote safe and responsible use of ATV's. They had read the Town's ordinance and indicated it was one of the best they had seen. They would promulgate it and foster compliance by their members and all ATV users. The group is a self-policing

organization that adheres to the tread lightly rule, respect for property owners, and public services like Green Up day. They indicated they were interested in “access points” in the Town and asked about the Riverwalk Park parking lot. The Board asked them to meet with the Rec Board, since they manage the area, and since there is an ongoing grant project with the Wild & Scenic River Advisory Committee and Missisquoi River Basin Association to redesign the parking area.

Item 7 Montgomery EMS/Ambulance course payments: Kevin is hoping to provide interested volunteers with a payment plan in which the town would pay half of the course fees for each member to help with the upfront costs and upon completing the EMT training volunteers would be reimbursed the remaining portion of the cost.

Item 8 Town Office Building Air Quality Remediation Update; Purchase dehumidifier: It was determined that the board will need to come up with detailed plans and cost estimates for both options. Colin motioned to authorize the town clerk to purchase a commercial grade dehumidifier in an amount not to exceed \$2000. This was seconded by Mark and passed by a vote of 4-0.

Item 9 Possible Municipal Solar Power Initiative Update: The board agreed that presenting the idea of a solar program to the voters will be the first course of action to determine if residents have any interest in pursuing solar at this time.

Item 12-C Fireworks for July 4th: Discussion took place, and it was determined that the Recreation Board and Fire Department would be better suited with an approach to potentially having fireworks this year as there is a licensing, safety, and insurance aspect involved with running fireworks within a town.

Item 13 Open Mail/Sign Orders/Administrative Matters (e.g. Next meeting agenda): The board agreed to reach out to NRPC and request the review, Scott will respond to them via email.

Charlie motioned to approve the special meeting minutes of April 21st, with the following edit, seconded by Scott and passed by a vote of 4-0:

Item 2 Information on pending sales of conserved land owned by Atlas Timberlands Partnership: The Board did inquire about the possibility of receiving a draft of conservation easements to be placed on the two parcels in Montgomery, or such similar easements that were placed in neighboring towns, as an example for review.

3. Public Works (Roads and Bridges, Buildings and Grounds).

a. Grants Status:

Amended Paving Grant. Carry over.

Structures Grant for Route 58. Carry over.

Better Back Roads Bridge and Culvert Inventory Grant. Carry over.

USFS Culvert grant. Carry over.

b. Route 118 Bridge 19 design update. Carry over.

c. Request for lowering speed limit on Route 118 near Riverwalk Park to Vincent Bridge Rd. Sarah motioned to approve and sign the edited letter to the AOT Manager David Blackmore for a requested traffic study, seconded by Charlie, and passed by a vote of 4-0.

d. Longley Bridge Project update. Mark Sargent has been notified of the towns' decision.

e. Equipment and Personnel. Ethan Marcy has met with the board since the offer of employment was made and employment terms agreed upon, notably a 90-day probationary period reduced to 30-days, along with a revised draft of employment agreement for Larry Kneen making him the new Road Foreman. Both contracts are set for a term of three years, with Marcy beginning work on May 16th. Mark motioned to send out letters to non-selectees, seconded by Sarah, and passed by a vote of 4-0. Mark noted that the smaller highway truck has arrived in town and the large truck is set to arrive at a later date this summer.

f. Acceptance of School Drive. The board members agreed to add the School Drive to the town highway system as a dedicated road. Charlie motioned to sign the certificate of acceptance and dedication, seconded by Mark, and passed by a vote of 4-0.

g. Buildings / grounds report.

New Town Office Roof. Scott indicated the roof, should it be replaced, would need to be a metal roof.

Servpro Proposal. Carry over.

Mowing. Carry over.

State Asst. Fire Marshal Visit. Scott reviewed the recent visit by the Assistant State Fire Marshal at the Town Hall and the discussion they had regarding permits for the work being done there. Work has been given the okay to resume as planned with intent to stay in contact with the Assistant Marshal should the Town need to submit further paperwork or permits.

Sunray Fire & Security. Carry over.

4. 7:00 Visitors: Joe Sherman - Manure Spreading. Members of the public discussed their concerns with the board regarding manure spreading in town; scale of spreading, economic, health, and conservation impact were all brought forth. Suggestions regarding the continuation of the lease agreement on the Hurtubise parcel, currently owned by the town and being leased for agricultural usage, were heard by the board. Several residents expressed that they would be willing to draft a letter encompassing their concerns about spreading, speeding, and care of the land to present to the Board when the lease comes due for renewal. It was also noted that there are a number of ATV riders on Route 118 illegally operating on the roads and suggested that the Board write a letter to VT State Police to garner support to increase the amount of enforcement in town in order to keep ATV's off the main road.

5. Appointments: Dir. Emergency Management/Disaster Prep/Local Plan. Carry over.

6. Town Office Building. The dehumidifier arrived and was installed in the basement of the Town Clerks Office. Scott will be checking in periodically to ensure the equipment is working efficiently.

7. Possible Municipal Solar Power Initiative. Carry over.

8. First Quarter Budget Review. The Board reviewed the 1st Quarter budget status report presented by the Town Treasurer.

9. Water Commission Issues:

a. Review Shutoff list. The Board reviewed the shutoff list and agreed to move forward with the notices sent to residents for delinquent water bills; payments that are received before May 9th will be processed and therefore will be exempt from the letters sent out. Charlie motioned to sign the shutoff notice and authorize the board to expedite disconnect letters to any remaining delinquents as of May 9th, seconded by Sarah, and approved by a vote of 4-0. Charlie brought up the notion of considering the vacant Kalisch property for tax sale for the interest of the Water Department. Discussion ensued.

b. Permit to Operate Update. Mark indicated he needed to appropriate an additional site to his Coliform Sampling Plan for remittance before final approval on the permit to operate. Once this information is provided the sampling plan will be signed as amended; Mark motioned to approve and authorize Scott to sign the amended Total Coliform Sampling Plan away from the table, seconded by Sarah, passed by a vote of 4-0.

c. Possible Sprinkler Connection. The Black Lantern has requested a quote on installing a sprinkler system, which would entail tapping into a main line; as such systems need a dedicated water line for proper installation. Discussion was had.

10. Old Business:

- a. Hectorville Bridge Project update.** Carry over.
- b. New Town Office.** Carry over.
- c. Stanion Fence Court Case Status.** Carry over.

11. New Business:

- a. Overweight Truck Permits: Paul Sylvester, Victor Manosh, Record Excavating.**

Mark motioned to approve and sign the overweight truck permits, seconded by Charlie, and passed by a vote of 4-0.

- b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses:** Due to unforeseen circumstances an emergency meeting was called with three Board members as a quorum to sign the paperwork necessary to provide the Snowshoe Pub/Lodge with means to obtain their yearly liquor license from the Department of Liquor Control on short notice. As such, Charlie motioned to officially approve said authorized paperwork at this regularly warned meeting, seconded by Mark. The liquor license was approved by a vote of 4-0.

Scott indicated that the Phinneas Swan submitted permits to serve Malt, Vinous, and Spirituous beverages at two catering events they are hosting; the first being the Jay Peak Area Chamber of Commerce at 2 Mountain Road on May 19th from 5-8p.m. and the second event An Evening with the Arts/Gallery Exhibit, also located at 2 Mountain Road, to occur on June 4th from 4-8p.m. Sarah motioned to approve and sign the catering licenses, seconded by Charlie, and passed by a vote of 4-0.

12. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters (e.g. Next meeting agenda)

All orders and warrants were signed at this time. The Selectboard will be holding a Board of Abatement meeting scheduled for May 16th at 5:30p.m., occurring before their regularly scheduled meeting.

Charlie motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Sarah, and the board adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Reighley