



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

Selectboard: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin
Clerk: Suzanne Dollois
Visitors: Sue Wilson, Sue Baker, Merle Vangieson, Greg Lamoureux, Barry Kade

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:38PM.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—no additions/changes

2. Review/approve minutes of the April 15th and April 22nd meetings

On minutes of April 15th correction: strike sentence beginning “furthermore the petition submitted...”
Darren moved to approve minutes of April 15th as amended. Passes unanimous 4-0.

On minutes of April 22nd correction:

Section 5, Item C. Change Municipal Clerk to Municipal Treasurer.

Section 3 Item A: Change “his petition” to “the petition”

Table item due to uncertainty of quorum req.

3. Public Works

a. Roads and Bridges

a. Grants—Status Updates—no updates

b. Brady Road—carry over (with comment that this must be completed this year)

b. Buildings and Grounds

a. Center Post Office repairs:

→ Charlie continues to seek contractors. Board and visitors submitted suggestions,
Charlie will reach out.

4. Visitors

→ Sue Wilson: inquired about flags for street poles. Sue volunteered to check on flag status/condition.
Charlie moved to authorize Sue Wilson to work with Erin Kopacz to buy new flags, spending up to \$500;
seconded by Jacob. Passed Unanimous, 4-0.

→ Sue Baker: inquired about status of NWSD operations. Charlie will follow up with suggested
alternatives for location. Suggestion of fencing to stop trash from blowing onto neighboring parcel

→ Merle: brings up concern about road conditions; suggested the board read publication “Better Back

Roads”

→ Suzanne: requested permission and funds to re-paint the vandalized panels of the Creamery Bridge to restore their integrity as a landmark and tourist attraction. Charlie will follow up with Mark to find out about allowable work (any limitation/reqs due to past funding) and possible available funds for that purpose.

→ Barry: following up about NWSWD.

5. Water Commission Issues

- a. Consumer Confidence Report and Certificate of Delivery → table for Mark to review
- b. Rates for non-profits (requested review) → Request was made by Merle for 50-60% rate reduction for non-profits. Discussion ensued. Jacob expresses concern about giving discounts to any organization based on the current adverse fiscal position of the water department. Charlie will follow up on legal inquiry about utilities providing discounts (concern was raised that utilities cannot discount products). Matter will be re-addressed when water rates are reviewed.

6. Old Business

- a. Grant Updates
 - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC) → submitted. Pending.
- b. Update on DPS Records Request
→ Several months after initial request (formally made February 28th) material continues to be sent by DPS. Waiting for final set of communications documents per Monday e-mail. Board has been provided with all material received to date. Discussion ensued. Clarification was made that these are not *new* requests, but those stemming from original outlined in February 4th correspondence to Commissioner. Board will follow up when final documents are received.
- c. Town Clerk / Town Treasurer appointment—review of April 22nd appointment and setting compensation/contract review (*potential for discussion in Executive Session per 1 V.S.A 313 (a)(1)(A) and (B)*)—*note this was tabled to end of meeting due to executive session*
Jacob makes a motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Leanne. Passed unanimous, 4-0. Board entered into executive session at 7:52PM. Darren moves to come out of executive session, seconded by Jacob. Board exited executive session at 8:05PM
Charlie moved to set the compensation for the Municipal Clerk at \$20/hour (budgeted for 30 hours per week) in addition to the Health Insurance coverage and municipal retirement (as required); and to set the compensation of the Treasurer at \$25 per hour (budgeted for 24 hours per week), seconded by Leanne. Passed unanimous, 4-0.
- d. NWSWD Operations
→ Refer to visitor discussion, re: Sue Baker
- e. Welcome to Montgomery Signs
→ Design proposals are being drawn up by outside firm (pro-bono, due to connection with community). Goal: design selected by end of May, construction in June, installation deadline for July 4th.

- f. Post Office Repairs
→Refer to 3. b.
- g. Cemetery Commission Consolidation—*discussion, no action planned*
→Sue and Erin are developing recommendations, will meet with Charlie to discuss. Carry over.

7. New Business

- a. Shifting from Calendar Year to Fiscal Year—discussion, next steps with Budget Committee and Treasurer.
→ Will set meeting of Board and Budget Committee for June/July.
- b. Approval of Consultant to Lister
→Will Board formally allow Listers (as requested) to engage with Parma Jewett as a consultant to help with transition and transfer of institutional knowledge around town's listed affairs? Darren moved to allow Parma Jewett to serve as a consultant, compensated at current Lister rate. Jacob seconds. Unanimous, 4-0. (Note: Wendy Howard, appointed, should be starting work later this month)
- c. Update on Montgomery Thrives Committees, status of grant submittals
→ Looking for status update from Water Management Committee re: Norther Boarders submittal (Darren will follow up).
→ Streetscape committee met and did a site-review with VTRANS regarding 118/242 intersection safety. Necessary step to pursue streetscaping. Discussion was held regarding prospects of 3-way stop, crosswalks, etc. Darren presented limitations and possibilities.
- d. Overweight Truck Permits
- e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Jacob moved to adjourn meeting at 8:15, seconded by Leanne; passed unanimous, 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.