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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)  
Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup> 2017, 5:30p.m.  
\*note the early start time\*  
Unapproved

**Selectboard members:** Charlie Hancock-Chair, Darren Drevik-Vice Chair, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin, Colin Sorensen (absent)

**Visitors:** Sue Wilson, Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward, Barry Kade, Alissa Hardy, Jenna Koloski, Deanna Robitaille, James Walsh, Pat Farmer, Marijke Dollois, Sarah Silva, Suzanne Dollois

**Clerk:** Elizabeth Reighley

Charlie called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m.

**1. Review and make any changes to the agenda.** None.

**2. Review/approve minutes of the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.** Mark motioned to approve, with the following amendment regarding the property maintenance for the town; the company, formerly McLawn, has changed to Mountain Roots Care, Sue requested that the town put out to bid for all property care/cleanup for the 2018-2019 season. Darren seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Resolution of Complaint against town official.** No further action of the complaint is needed by the board. Going forward the Planning Commission will work on creating a formalized process to regularly review the Zoning Administrator's work, and provide feedback on performance.

**4. Appointments**

**i. Zoning Administrator.** Christina Bilodeau was nominated by Darren and appointed to a term of three years by a vote of 3-1.

**ii. Planning Commission.** Carry over.

**5. Community Conversation with Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)—6:00pm**

- **Structuring a community design process around municipal needs and processes: building a framework to move forward:**

- Introductions were made welcoming the VCRD representative Jenna Koloski. Jacob gave a recap for residents in attendance on how the board came to reach out to Rural Development. Jenna reviewed what VCRD is and how the Community Visit Program works. The Community Visit program is a way for towns to engage and come together to set common goals using the various resources provided by VCRD. The program is a structured four-month series of public meetings, community events, focus groups, and local task forces facilitated by VCRD representatives. The ultimate goal is to bring everyone together to build a united vision for town priorities, vote on said priorities, and provide actionable items to pursue. Jenna stated that VCRD looks at all parts of the community to determine who to bring onto steering and volunteer committees and based on the particular needs of the town they also connect us with different state departments that are relevant to our goals. VCRD provides a substantial resource team with technical expertise and financial resources. After the program they publish a final report detailing the process and action plan complete with all contact information and additional resources. Funding for the Community Visits programming comes from active VCRD members, private donors, state funding and grants, sponsorship, and a recent partnership with the Vermont Community Foundation. Should the town choose to pursue the program, a letter of invitation to have VCRD work with the town would be required. The only financial obligations to the town would be to provide/host a town wide community dinner and one bulk mailing to every resident in town (or other outreach material).
- As of now VCRD is currently committed to working with two other towns so the earliest they could work with Montgomery, if our town is selected, would be in January of 2018. Discussion ensued about whether to pursue the community program and whether the board should also reach out to the Orton Foundation. The board agreed that based on the program information they felt it best to pursue Community Visits first given there is a timing deadline and wait to see whether our town would be selected in the fall and if not the town can reach out to the Orton Foundation at any time. Darren motioned to authorize Charlie to draft a letter of invitation to VCRD regarding the Community Visits Program, seconded by Mark and passed unanimously.

## 6. 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**
- b. **Longley Bridge Update**
  - i. **Easement.** Carry over.
- c. **Fuller Bridge Repairs**
  - i. **Monitoring.** Darren and Deanna will get together to discuss purchasing cameras for monitoring.
  - ii. **Define Fine Structure for Damage.** Carry over.
- d. **Brady Road; Cote Road bridge/culvert needs.** Michael indicated that the St Onge's have a temporary bridge the town can use in the interim. Waiting on estimate.
- e. **Insurance for Covered Bridges.** Carry over.

**b) Buildings and Grounds**

- a. **Generators.** School ends tomorrow, Charlie has contacted Doug Kopacz and they will schedule a time for the transfer switch repair and testing.
- b. **TO Repairs/Post Office Maintenance Request.** Michael has been in contact with a local contractor to have the door sanded and repainted.

**7. Water Commission Issues**

- a. **Ordinance Review re: materials.** Carry over

**8. Old Business**

- a. **Town Office Needs.** See above\*. Acknowledging the potential timeline working with VCRD the board will continue to develop solutions to more immediate needs
- b. **Balloting Initiatives.** Carry over
- c. **Stanion Court Case Status.** Carry over.
- d. **Sorensen Insurance Claim.** Carry over.
- e. **Options for Electronic Participation at Open Meetings.** Carry over.
- f. **Posting Locations (Elementary School addition).** Sue has submitted a list of names and numbers for local carpenters to build the bulletin board, Colin requested the board look into putting out an RFP. Carry over.
- g. **Economic Development—Future Efforts.** Darren mentioned that one local business, , has recently applied for a grant through the state program suggested by Darren and he hopes to continue working with residents and business owners to keep them informed about the different state programs that can help with future economic development.
- h. **Vacant Building Ordinance proposal.** Darren has heard from several residents that read in the meeting minutes that there was a proposal currently in draft form for discussion and were very excited about the prospect of introducing a town wide ordinance that deals with vacant/abandoned buildings.

**9. New Business**

- a. **PACE District.** Carry over.
- b. **Overweight Truck Permits.** Mark motioned to approve *Working Dogs Septic Service Inc*, seconded by Jacob and passed 4-0.
- c. **Liquor/Tobacco Licenses.** None.

**10. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters.** All orders were signed at this time. Mark will reach out to Jim Cota regarding the invoice from Pike Industries for the paving on Route 58.

Darren motioned to end the meeting, seconded by Jacob and the board adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Reighley