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REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM  
Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, 6:30pm

Selectboard members present: Charlie Hancock-Chair, Scott Perry-vice chair, Mark Brouillette, Colin Sorenson, Sarah Silva

Visitors: Lynda Cluba, Marijke Dollois, Michael Snider, Sue Wilson

Clerk: Elizabeth Reighley

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

**1. Review and make any changes to the agenda.** Lynda Cluba was added to the visitor section for the Dog Census updates.

**2. Review/approve minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup> 2016.** Board discussed amendments to the previous minutes. Charlie suggested carrying over the concerns about the Building Brighter Futures to the Buildings and Grounds section of the agenda to clarify conference room usage and the existing children's program that meets every Thursday morning. Scott motioned to approve the meeting minutes of July 18<sup>th</sup>, with the following amendments, seconded by Mark.

*Item 8c VEC Power Extension on Hazens Notch: Only excavation work has been completed so far.*

*Item 9c Resignation/Nomination: Strike the phrase 'for the remainder of his term' from this section.*

Motion was passed by 3-1- 1 abstention.

**3. Public Works**

**a. Roads and Bridges.** \*No updates on the grant statuses. Michael has been trying to connect with Jim Cota and has not heard back. Scott and Mark will reach out and schedule meetings with Jim at his office and coordinate with Bethany Remmers to work on culvert inventory. The roads are almost done with chloride, North Hill needs to be revisited with the grader, and the village has been mowed. Michael will get a status report from the town clerk to see where the Highway budget is at and update the board at the next meeting.

**Amended Paving Grant\***

**Structures Grant for Route 58\***

**Better Back Roads Bridge and Culvert Grant\***

**USFW Culvert Grant for AOP design\***

**Longley Bridget Update.** Carry over

**Brady Road update.** Carry over

## **b. Buildings and Grounds**

**Existing Town Office Renovation/Repair.** Michael is waiting on a quote for the railing/ramp project at the old town office building, in the meantime he has braced the railing to prevent any falls from occurring. Sarah proposed placing the job on the town website to increase awareness and advertise for carpenters who may be interested in the job. The board agreed that this may be advantageous for future town projects as well.

**Conference Room.** The conference room usage and schedule was discussed in regards to the prior motion made about reserving the room for town office usage. Board members re-evaluated the last motion as there was some confusion about the placement of the Building Brighter Futures in conjunction with the office hours. Scott had talked with Jodi after the last board meeting to discuss BBF and they were more than willing to work out an alternative schedule or work around the town office hours. The quilting group and painting class have moved to the Montgomery Center for the Arts. Members agreed that the children's program is still certainly a priority and they will reach out again to work with the group to find the most efficient solution for everyone.

**Bond vote.** Members discussed the bond vote and the need to move forward with a resolution, Charlie presented draft paperwork from Bond Attorney Paul Giuliani, and all agreed to review the documentation. Charlie indicated that in his correspondence with Giuliani that he was prepared to work with the town on a New Town Office Bond vote during the general election. Discussion took place regarding the library proposal and whether to move forward in lieu of Marijke's statement from the Library Trustees. There was talk of scheduling a joint meeting in order to present the Trustees with a proper proposal and clarify some of the information with them before turning away from this idea completely. Several points were made about the resolution of need and what this vote means to taxpayers. Colin reiterated that with the last few votes all failing to pass, should we stop and look at presenting a different resolution to the voters? Colin suggested offering a referendum to the taxpayers in November and based on those results vote again in March. The board discussed bond vote options at length. 7:47p.m. Colin exited the meeting in protest of the bond discussion. The board agreed to hold a town wide meeting to provide information and a chance for voters to weigh in on the bond vote topic. Charlie stated they will plan an agenda for the evening and he will reach out to Larry Letourneau to get updated figures on the price per square foot of the building plans. The meeting will take place at the Grange Hall on Wednesday August 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m.

**PSB Alarm System.** Scott motioned to authorize Michael, Director of Public Works, to sign and send in the Sunray Fire & Security Contract. This was seconded by Mark and passed by 4-0.

**Keys.** Carry over

**TD Bank ATM proposal.** Charlie received an email from TD Bank indicating that they would like to renew their lease for the ATM at the old town office building. With the uncertainty of the future of the building Charlie suggested offering a one year term, Sarah agreed that it would make more sense to only enter into a one year term in case the town office is torn down for renovations. Discussion was had. Scott motioned to renew the lease for the TD Bank ATM for a three year term at the existing rate, seconded by Mark. Sarah moved to amend motion to renew the lease for only one year, seconded by Colin. The amendment to the original motion was passed by a vote of 4-1. The amended motion to renew the lease with TD Bank for a one year term at the existing rate was passed by a vote of 3-2.

## **4. Visitors**

**a. Marijke Dollois, Montgomery Library.** Marijke spoke about the discussion the Library Trustees had regarding the idea of building a new library instead of a town office and allowing the clerks' office to assume the current library space. She indicated that the library was not in favor of this idea as they felt it would increase potential costs associated with daily operations; would utilities increase town budget? If the library was built to include longer hours and a larger reading/kids area, a kitchen, and a conference room would this lead to increased

salary for the librarian? Marijke explained that these concerns led them to believe this would not be a favorable move among taxpayers and that they may not vote for such a proposal.

**b. Lynda, Dog Census.** Lynda briefly summarized the status of the dog census for the board and indicated that she has sent out two different letters notifying dog owners that they need to register their dogs with the town by the end of July otherwise they will be assessed a \$10.00 fine in addition to the regular license fees; she also indicated that should the owners not respond or make arrangements with the office to license their dogs that this may result in dog impoundment. She will update the board again should the need to impound a dog arise if any are left unlicensed by the next meeting.

## **5. Water Commission Issues**

**a. Review proposals from Simon Operation System.** Carry over.

**b. Water Disconnect List.** The board reviewed the water shut off list. Scott motioned to approve and sign the list and authorize the Town Clerk to send notices to any accounts that remain unpaid or have not obtained payment arrangements. Sarah seconded the motion and it was passed 4-0.

## **6. Old Business**

**a. Hectorville Bridge Project Update.** Carry over

**b. Stanion Court Case Status.** Carry over

## **7. New Business**

**a. Village Center Designation.** Scott motioned to authorize Charlie to sign the designation away from the table, seconded by Mark. Motion passed 4-0.

**b. Overweight Truck Permits:** None

**c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses:** None

**8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters.** All orders signed at this time. Scott will be reaching out to Zach, the webmaster, to discuss putting up a town job listings page on the town website. Charlie will reach out to Paul Giuliani for further clarification about absentee ballot dates. The Hazard Mitigation and Local Emergency Operations plan updates need to be added and discussed at the next meeting.

Scott motioned to end the meeting seconded by Sarah. Board adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elizabeth Reighley