

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Temporary Town Office

(86 Mountain Road)

Monday, August 20th 2018

6:30pm

Selectboard: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin, Leanne Barnard

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Todd Hobson, Morgan Daybell, Sue Wilson, Anita Woodward, Larry Letourneau, Sarah Silva, Brent Godin, Christina Suarez, Mary Niles, Catherine Howell, John Witherspoon, Karie Quinton

Charlie called the meeting to order at 7PM.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda--amend "Claypool" to read "Claypoint"

2. Review/approve minutes of the July 10th, July 16th, August 1st, and August 6th meetings

July 10th. Darren motioned to approve. Mark seconded. Passed 3-0 (Jacob, Leanne abstain)

July 16th. Darren motioned to approve. Jacob seconded. Passed 3-0 (Mark, Leanne abstain)

August 1st. Darren motioned to approve. Leanne seconded. Passed 3-0 (Mark, Jacob abstain)

August 6th. Mark motioned to approve. Leanne seconded. Discussion: Larry pointed out culvert confusion between Stanion case and 58 culvert noted in mins. Larry also noted discussion held regarding weedwacking at juncture of 58/Reagan road for visibility. Mins amended. Passed 3-0 (Darren, Jacob abstain)

3. Todd Hobson, Claypoint Associates—re: Main St. office remediation project bid summary @ 6:30pm

Jacob introduced the topic. Professional consulting firm, third party standpoint on the potential needs and state of the former town offices in Montgomery Center in regard to mold remediation and environmental concerns. Board is not in the active process of soliciting any bid work at this time. No bids are going to awarded unless authorized by community and select board consensus. Purely fact finding at this time.

Claypoint confirmed environmental problem in building, particularly with regard to impacts of water in basement. Base bid basement: gutted back to the walls and concrete foundation with clearance standard; back entry structure will be taken down to foundation; Base bid upstairs: a.) remove all contents and clean, then return to town, remove carpeting and deep clean -suggested that won't be enough due to known contamination in basement walls- b.) demolish upstairs in similar manner to basement down to exterior sheathing. Post office is excluded from any demolition but is included in base bid cleaning. By state law, suspect asbestos materials must be tested and verified, which may change contract bid to accommodate asbestos removal. Current low bid just under \$20,000 > \$24-26,000 > \$32,500, assuming

that no asbestos is present. Claypoint recommends \$10,000 contingency fund. Claypoint will have separate monitoring and testing fees. Estimated \$40,000 through 2020 assuming no asbestos with final result of clean and ready to rebuild. Further discussion ensued. Claypoint offered to issue another add-all for new budget that includes anticipated costs of mold remediation if necessary for the Post Office side of the building.

4. Joint discussion with School Board over Act 46 proposal, Selectboard research on town property, potential next steps in light of pending SBE ruling @ 7:00pm

Select Board notes: Suzanne Dollois, School Board notes: Morgan Daybell

Charlie introduced the topic: hope for joint discussion between boards re: Section 9 proposal, town property research, looking forward, timeline; opportunity for open discussion to collaborate on this matter. Testimony to SBE regarding our perspective was presented in July and is available on youtube. Section 9 proposal (response to Act 46 legislation, and Montgomery's two votes not to merge) articulates how we are already meeting the mandate of act 46 and for Montgomery how we could effectively thrive outside the standards of the merger. SBE answer by November 30th

Charlie explained community members concern as it pertains to Select Board particularly, relating to jurisdiction authority and property assets and the question of whether the school and school property was owned by the the town, or the "district" and implication in light of Act 46. Merriman opinion: The school and the land is an asset of the community not the school district based principally on that the school is not incorporated as a district. The Select Board was advised as to the potential legislative ambiguity of that information. Town lawyer Merriman suspects that the regulatory, educational infrastructure of the school is separate from the physical structure of the school as an asset of the town as far as the town is willing to legally defend that right. Discussion ensued.

5. Public Works

A) Roads and Bridges

a. Grants: Status Updates: Hydro-seeder is coming next week. All else pending.

- i. Structures Grant for Route 58
- ii. USFS Culvert Grant for AOP design
- iii. Municipal Grants in Aid Pilot Project
- iv. SFY Transportation Alternatives
- v. Municipal Roads Grants-in-aid program

b. Brady Road. Pending.

c. Creamery Bridge Repairs. Pending

B) Buildings and Grounds

a. Generator Training. Pending Doug's final repairs training will be scheduled.

6. Visitors

Brent Godin > issue locating water shut-off valve because there is a leak prior to the meter on Begnoche Road. Discussion ensued.

Deanna > volunteer has approached her to cover Liz's responsibilities during her maternity leave. She reminds the SB that she has the responsibility to hire for the position and the SB votes on that individuals rate of pay. Discussion ensued. Refer to Item 9.a. For follow-up.

7. Water Commission Issues. Sue still has not received estimates for excavator work in village. Mark will follow-up with Kirk, Alfred. Discussion ensued.

Inspection of sanitation services scheduled for September.

8. Old Business

a. Cemetery Commission Consolidation. No updates, table.

b. Consolidated fuel delivery contract. No updates, table.

c. Grant Updates:

i. USDA Community Development Grant. Suzanne and Darren are working on grant drafts.

ii. Municipal Planning Grant. Suzanne and Darren are working on grant drafts.

9. New Business

a. Town Clerk staffing needs August/September (LIZ IS GONNA BE A MOMMA!!!!) Refer to Deanna's visitor notes. Deanna requested \$15/hour for Joey Buttendorf to temporarily fill that position. Board reflects that Liz's pay needs to be re-addressed for increase upon her return. Mark motioned for rate of pay for temporary staffing in Liz's absence at \$14.50, Darren seconded. Passed 5-0 unanimously.

b. Lister (vacancy) appointment. Charlie nominated Rob Barnard, Jr. Nominations closed. Rob appointed 4-0 (Leanne abstained)

c. Gowne (Demar) letter to Town re: property of Theresa Demar. Discussion ensued regarding letter. Charlie offered to respond in written letter to propose in-person discussion.

d. Overweight Truck Permits. n/a

e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses. n/a

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn. Jacob motions to adjourn. Mark seconds. 5-0 unanimous. 9:10PM

Reminder: Joint Budget Committee & Selectboard meeting August 30th 6pm

