



REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, September 17th 2018
6:30pm

Select Board members: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Jacob Racusin, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette

Clerk: Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Carol Farmer, Pat Farmer, Merle Van Gieson, Ellen Fox, Barry East, Melissa Haberman, David Burns, Joe Sherman, Michael Snider, Sue Wilson, Brent Godin, Karie Quinton, Alissa Hardy, Melinda Swearingen, Tim Joyal, Cathy Sheuman, Landon Joyal

Charlie called the meeting to order at 7:03 (late start attributed to overrun of BCA hearing). Given time constraints, and hearing no objection, skipped to item #4 on the agenda, Public Hearing.

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

4. **PUBLIC HEARING** (scheduled for 7pm)—comments on proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendments.

Charlie invited Alyssa Hardy as chair of planning committee to give background, summarizing updated clerical changes as well as amended substantial changes. Goal is for changes to be voted on by ballot, corresponding to general election cycle in November (with early voting available).

Merle Van Gieson submitted suggested alterations and edits.

Conversation ensued.

Select Board recognized the need to prioritize reprinting of parcel maps with district boundaries overlay to ease interpretation of applicability.

Clarifications were made regarding qualifying/non-qualifying hydronic heaters, ZA authority notations, easement specifications per driveways, EPA and State of VT standards, road standards, and specifications pertaining to permanent structures per Merle's notes.

Charlie made a motion that the Select Board adopt the Montgomery Zoning Regulation amendments as presented by the Planning commission, further amended to include (as verified as correct) the statutory edits and general edits formatting use of acronyms, etc. presented by Merle; furthermore, regarding specific language, the 50% of market value is going to be changed to 50% of assessed value; the hydronic heaters will be added to all districts with the language of "qualified where necessary" as well as clarifying the definition section; page 37 lines 13 and 16 will strike ZA from that sentence; page 42 line 45 will add "in consultation with Road Commissioner"; page 43 line 25 will strike "requiring easement" from sentence; page 76 lines 12 and 13 will strike sentence encompassing lines 12-14 ending at "temporary form"; page 76 line 33 will change "market value" to "assessed value."

Mark seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Motion approved 5-0.

2. Review/approve minutes of the August 20th, August 30th, and September 5th meetings.

Darren moved to approve 20th. Mark seconded. Unanimous approval 5-0.

Mark moved to approve 30th. Jacob seconded. Approved 4-0. Darren abstained.

Darren moved to approve 5th. Mark seconded. Approved 4-0. Leanne abstained.

3. Public Works

a) Roads and Bridges - *carry over*

a. Grants: Status Updates: *carry over all*

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 St. Onge availability

c. Creamery Bridge Repairs—waiting on state response

b) Buildings and Grounds

a. Generator Training - *carry over*

5. Visitors

-Tim Joyal—Northwest Vermont Wheelers ATV Club (VASA) requested on behalf of the association that Route 58 be opened to ATVs to allow access to Lowell. Discussion ensued with public comment made. Charlie suggested scheduling a warned hearing about this topic, inviting Danny Hale (E.D. of VASA) and representative from Fish and Wildlife to speak about enforcement

-Barry East requested signs regarding truck engine brakes on road sections through the Village and Center. Select Board agrees to follow-up on this matter.

-Melinda Swearingen: requested the town address the abandoned bank building (Cota) in town. Directed to provide written complain re: Vacant Building Ordinance procedure. Asked to address light pollution in the center from street lights; suggests light shades. SB will contact the VT Electric Co-op for potential solution. Addressed smell of burning plastic in town; concern about health and environmental effects. Concern about the police response time after 2AM to Montgomery.

-Merle representing trustees for Methodist church in concern of water metering and base rate, requested reduced rate for church. Discussion ensued. Charlie suggested addressing the point when water rate are set for next year.

6. Water Commission Issues

-Stevenson Foote VPM3/Kaja Holdings 84 Hazen's Notch Road - letter sent 9/17/18.

-Forest and Kathy Cota-Chase water issue unresolved after further delay. Sue Wilson expressed

concern over delay. Mark will get her estimate tomorrow, 9/18/18.

7. Old Business

- a. Cemetery Commission Consolidation - carry over
- b. Consolidated fuel delivery contract - Dan (Blouin Bros.) will honor pricing from original contracts. This year is proposed budget contract. Options are: floating month-to-month, budget contract, or pre-buy. Discussion ensued. Mark moved to enter Blouin contract for pre-buy without insurance, saving the town \$2100. Jacob seconded. Unanimous approval 5-0.
- c. VCRD Community Visits update: *Montgomery Thrives* (September 25th Forums)
- d. Stanion Settlement update - fence and posts are down. SB will follow up with case as needed, reiterating offer to meet and establish bounds of right-of-way as originally agreed.
- e. Michael Gowne (Therese Demar) letter to Town re: property - SB sent response letter. Darren moved that town lawyer be contacted to draft response. Leanne seconded. Unanimous approval.
- f. Grant Updates:
 - i. USDA Community Development Grant - carry over
 - ii. Municipal Planning Grant - in process between Suzanne and Darren. Developments will be sent to Alyssa as Planning Commission rep for input, feedback, and support.
 - iii. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC) - carry over

8. New Business

- a. Overweight Truck Permits - n/a
- b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses - n/a
- c. Town Signs - JD Designs is interested in commission (only one to respond to RFP), budget submitted. Discussion ensued. Dan Malloy, Robert Gendron, Tim Murphy, and John Charette did not respond to requests. Feedback compiled for response, Charlie will send to JD designs.
- d. October 1st Special meeting at the Grange between School Board and Select Board in follow up on Merger discussion and in continuance of collaborative efforts to mediate topic. Charlie Merriman will be invited.

9. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

10. Review Action Items for Board Members

11. Adjourn

Darren moved to adjourn. Leanne seconded. Unanimous approval. 5-0 Meeting adjourned at 10PM