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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, September 18th 2017, 6:30pm
Unapproved

Charlie called meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Selectboard Members: Charlie Hancock, Jacob Racusin, Mark Brouillette, Darren Drevik, Colin Sorenson
(attended via Webcam and phone)

Visitors: Lynn and Peter Locher, Brent Godin, Merle VanGieson, Marijke Dollois

Clerk: Sue Wilson

- (1) **Changes/ Additions to Agenda** – under #3 Public Works – add (e) letter from State Auditor's office and (f) Back Street/River Street traffic flow change.
- (2) **Review and Approve Minutes of 9/14/17 meeting** – Darren made a motion, seconded by Jacob to approve minutes with the following amendments: under 7(b) Municipal Law Basics –line 12, strike Jacob's name and insert Charlie's. Under 4 Visitors – lines 3 & 4 strike "minimal charge" from Vt. Elec Coop sentence. Darren yes, Jacob yes, Mark abstain, Charlie yes, Colin No and motion passed 3-1-1 by roll call vote.
- (3) **Public Works** –
 - a. **Roads and Bridges**
 - i. Amended paving grant – carry over
 - ii. Structures – carry over
 - iii. Better Back Roads – carry over
 - iv. UFS Culvert Grant – carry over
 - v. Municipal Grants In Aid Pilot Project – meeting 9/19/17 at 9:00am at Town Garage with Regional Planning – Mark is attending
 - b. **Longley Bridge update**
 - i. Easement – pending Longley's review and approval of easement – Charlie will follow up
 - c. **Fuller Bridge**
 - i. Monitoring – carry over
 - ii. Covered Bridge Ordinance Review – Strike sentence "shall upon conviction".

- d. **Brady Road/Cote Road – culvert needs** Mike Snider is to get a quote from St. Onge Construction for rental of temporary bridge. Mark will follow up with Mike.
 - e. **Letter from State Auditor’s Office.** State performing an audit of how municipalities address findings in bridge inspection reports. Mike Snider will be contacted to answer relevant questions
 - f. **Back Street/River Street** – Darren brought to the Board’s attention that a resident has asked if the Road could be made into a “one way” street. After some discussion it was agreed that Mike Snider would be asked to trim back hedges in the Town's’ right of way by Trout River Traders to allow for better visibility.
 - g. **Buildings and Grounds**
 - i. Generators – carry over
- (4) **Visitors:** Lynn and Peter Locher presented a formal request to Selectboard asking for a Discontinuance of Unidentified Corridor TH #33. Selectboard will set a date for a formal site visit for Tuesday October 24th at 5:00pm. This allows Selectboard to give 30 days notice to adjacent landowners and Planning Commission so all can be in attendance. Brent Godin asked about additional paving that needs to be done by Demar Road. He had brought this to the Board’s attention previously. Mark will follow up with Mike Snider. Brent Godin brought up the “Welcome To Montgomery” signs. He has straightened up the one adjacent to this property but he said that all the signs need attention. He asked that the Budget Committee add construction for new signs to the budget for 2018. Merle VanGieson stated that the condition of West Hill Road is “excellent”. He applauded the road crew for their work. Jacob asked about the OSHA training for the road crew on grading, which is still pending. Carry over OSHA discussion to next meeting.
- (5) **Water Commission Issues** – ordinance review and amendments – no decision made – carry to next meeting pending additional suggested amendments by the town clerk. Charlie will bring final draft to next meeting on October 2nd.
- (6) **Old Business** –
- a. **Town Office Needs** - Jacob presented a draft letter to VLCT which sums up questions that the Town has on 2 specific points re: legal ramifications of breaking a lease with USPS and what regulatory building requirements the town is liable for with continued operations of the Town/Post Office building while health concerns are still present. Charlie made a motion, seconded by Mark to authorize Jacob to edit letter away from table with guidance from Deanna (Town Clerk) and submit to VLCT. Charlie, Yes; Mark, yes; Darren Yes; Jacob Yes; Colin No.
 - b. Colin motioned to petition the Board of Health to suspend all operations at the Main Street location, seconded by Jacob. In depth discussion took place. Charlie made a motion to strike the previous motion made by Colin and amended by Jacob, and authorize the Health Officer to seek guidance from the Department of Health on the best course of action to deal with documented potential health hazards in the building. Motion passed by roll call vote of Charlie, yes, Darren, yes, Jacobs, yes; Mark, yes, Colin yes.

- c. VCRD Community Visits Program – Charlie presented a “draft” steering committee outline summarizing board feedback. Jacob will present to VCRD to get their feedback.
- d. (7) Stanion Court Case – The Town has received a letter from the Stanion’s that they are interested in reaching a settlement with the town, but request an extension until Mid October once their new legal council is in place. Mark made a motion, seconded by Jacob to request the Stanion’s to sign on to the Town of Montgomery’s Motion to Reopen the Hearing, subject to delay so that the parties can reach settlement. Mark amended his motion to include that if the Stanion’s refuse to sign the motion that the Town will submit it anyway. Amended motion seconded by Jacob. Motion carried - Charlie, yes, Darren, Yes, Jacob, yes, Mark, yes, Colin yes
- e. Vacant Building Ordinance Proposal – Informational meetings are set for Thursday October 12th at 7:00pm and Saturday October 14th at 10:00am at the Public Safety Building. Charlie will get a draft to Zack to publish on the Town’s website.

Colin’s phone cut out at 8:19pm, unclear at that time if the webcam remained functional for the remainder of the meeting.

- f. Fire/EMS radios – carry over
- (7) New Business
- a. Th 33 discontinuance – see “Visitors”
 - b. Charlie will authorize Deanna, Town Clerk, to seek RFP for a new audit firm
 - c. Overweight Truck Permits – None
 - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses – None
- (8) Open Mail/Sign Orders/Administrative Matters – Colin entered the meeting in person at 8:25pm to retrieve his Webcam and was asked to stay to sign orders to which he abstained and left. All orders were signed at this time.

Darren made a motion, seconded by Mark to adjourn meeting at 8:31pm. Mark, yes, Jacob, yes, Charlie, yes, Darren, yes.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Suzanne M. Wilson