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MINUTES of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, June 7th 2021

6:30pm

Montgomery Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery Center

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Add: Status of Water in the Center
 - b. Add: Public Body Meeting Guidance
 - c. Add: ATV Signage (visitors—Carol Farmer)
 - d. Add: Town Forest
 - e. Add: Planning Commission Vacancy

2. Review/approve minutes of the May 17th and June 3rd meetings (*board action*)

Motion to approve May 17th – Mark; Seconded by Leanne; Unanimous approval
Motion to approve June 3rd – Mark; Seconded by Leanne; approved 3-0-1 (Emily abstained)

3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges
 - i. Road Crew Hiring Updates/Department Structuring (*discussion*)

Scott Ovitt will start next Monday (June 14th) Contracts being prepped.
 - ii. Finalize additional job posting for release (*discussion, board action*)

Road Foreman position will be posted this week
 - iii. Drug and Alcohol Policy for CMV Operators (*board action*)

Charlie provided members a digital copy to review. Item will be taken back up at June 21st meeting

 - b. Final Compensation for Former Employee (*discussion, board action*) *item was passed over to be taken up at end of meeting under executive session*

Mark moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel compensation; 2nd by Emily; Unanimous.

Mark moved to exit executive session; 2nd by Emily; Unanimous

Mark moved to compensate Michael Snider for one weeks' worth of banked paid vacation following his resignation; Seconded by Emily; Unanimous

c. Buildings and Grounds

i. 98 Main Street (*update*)

No update at this time

ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation/RFP (*continued discussion/updates*) - still working on forming Committee

No update at this time—Charlie will continue to try and form committee

d. Water Commission

i. Add: Status of Water in the Center

SOS shut down a section of Main St. to add line connection.

Communications were dropped and no word was given to folks on the system. School got shut off by accident. Main back on w/in 2 hours, however in a rush to return service the thrust block was not added to the valve. Ensuing pressure caused rods to fail, and the valve blew off the main. Resulted in school being let out. Service returned to Center around 5:30pm. Boil water notices have been posted. Water testing will be done first thing in the AM. Boil water notice (posted to all residences effected) will be lifted when testing is complete and passes (w/in 24 hours). SOS will monitor usage.

Sanitary survey last Friday—state noted that Regan Road on Solar is an issue (could not get batteries this past winter). Need to run hard power, Doug is working up an estimate. We'll see if there's funding assistance since it's a deficiency in the system. Will also benefit fire crew. Also, need to inspect and clean reservoirs.

ii. Review of SOS Contract (*discussion/potential action*)

Contract is up in October. Lane from SOS relayed to the board that 14/wk. seems to be sufficient. SOS fees would continue on 3% annual increase. Discussion ensued.

iii. CCR review and approval

Mark moved to approve the CCR; seconded by Emily; unanimous

iv. Walter Knight/Abe Barnard connection application

Connection has been installed

- e. FEMA (*update*) – Cat Z only remaining submission, pending
 - f. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*)—received confirmation that emergency fix material will offset project cost and prorated town match. Mark will begin arranging the work. Charlie will follow up with VTrans to get confirmation in writing.
4. Visitors
- a. Pat and Carol Farmer—following up on e-mail regarding ATV usage/signage.

Discussion ensued; Charlie will look into getting signage on roads not open to use so that riders are aware; reach out to VASA to confirm trail map status
5. Old Business
- a. COVID-19 and Municipal/Local Response (*updates/discussion*)
 - i. ARPA Appropriations, Planning (*update*)

Additional information from the state will be forthcoming, pick this item back up on June 21st.
 - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)
 - i. Status updates

Additional test pit work scheduled for June 14-15th
 - c. Add: Public Body Meeting Guidance

Board discussed evolving state guidance in light of CDC recommendations, etc. Emily moved to repeal guidance with memo to all boards recommending accommodations for those still desiring cautions at meetings; seconded by Mark; unanimous
6. New Business
- a. Add: Planning Commission Resignation

Christine Convard submitted her resignation to the board, citing “abuse of power” by the selectboard, however repeatedly declined to provide any basis for the accusation or examples of such. Nominations pending recommendations from PC.
 - b. Add: Town Forest

Conservation Commission has completed a Forest Management Plan and will be holding a hearing/community visioning exercise on June 30th to discuss. Draft plan posted to the website.
 - c. Add: ATV Signage (see visitors)
 - d. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)
 - i. Sylvester’s Excavating—motion to approve from Mark; seconded by Leanne; unanimous
 - ii. SW Witcomb—application was not complete; Charlie will follow up

- e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. Big Jay Tavern—motion to approve from Mark; seconded by Leanne; unanimous
- 7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
- 8. Review Action Items for Board Members
- 9. Motion to adjourn made by Emily; Seconded by Lenanne; Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.