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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**

Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 2021

6:30pm

Montgomery Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery Center

In attendance—Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard, Suzanne Dollois, Emily Kimball (via zoom); Visitors: Brent Desranleau, Lane Simon, Daryl Fithian, Ross Dunham, Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda – add Domina Water Service Application
2. Review/approve minutes of the June 24<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> meetings:
  - a. Emily made a motion to approve the June 24<sup>th</sup> minutes as written; seconded by Leanne; Emily, Leanne, Charlie aye; Mark and Suzanne abstain.
  - b. Suzanne made a motion to approve the August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as written; seconded by Mark; Charlie, Mark, Suzanne, Emily aye and Leanne abstain.
3. Public Works
  - a. Roads and Bridges
    - i. Public Works Hiring /Department Structuring (*discussion-likely board action*  
*\*note item tabled until end of the meeting*)
      1. Suzanne moved to enter into Executive session to discuss potential hire/contract details; seconded by Leanne; Charlie, Leanne, Emily, Suzanne aye, Mark abstain.
        - a. At this point mark recused himself from the conversation and left the room.
      2. Suzanne moved to exit Executive session; seconded by Leanne; Charlie, Leanne, Suzanne, Emily aye; Mark abstain.
        - a. At this point Mark returned to the room.
      3. Charlie moved to fill public works vacancy and hire Mark Brouillette as Public Works Director at \$25/hr. at 30 hrs/wk.; Seconded by Leanne; Charlie, Leanne, Suzanne, Emily aye, Mark abstain.
      4. Suzanne moved to include a reassessment of 30 hrs./wk provision in the contract after 30 days; Seconded by Leanne; Charlie, Leanne, Suzanne, Emily aye; Mark abstain

5. NEXT MEETING—board will need to adopt policies and procedures around separation of roles for Mark as Selectboard member vs. Road Commissioner/PW Director, clarifying when recusal from decision making is required.
    - ii. Municipal Grants is Aid award (*discussion*)
      1. Mark is following up with Shaun re: which sites the town could apply for
    - iii. Black Falls culvert work
      1. No updates at this time
    - iv. Creamery Bridge—Charlie provided update on meeting with Mark B. and Chad Tyler re: next steps to address issues
  - b. Buildings and *Grounds*
    - i. 98 Main Street (*update*)—no update at this time
    - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*)—committee meeting pending scheduling
    - iii. Paving PSB Lot
      1. No estimates yet (note affordability of this expenditure will hinge on to emergency Longley bridge road work costs); Billy suggest we can cold patch and grade in interim if we need to postpone paving due to budget concerns. Larry L. comment about ~14k annual fee paid to NWSWD; can they shoulder some of the cost?
  - c. Water Commission
    - i. Brent Desranleau (consultant), formerly of Vermont Rural Water, introduced himself and background. Brent was invited to provide 3<sup>rd</sup> party perspective on system operation and contract with SOS. Discussion ensued around: contract framing, liability coverage, areas of ambiguity around time/hours logged and maintenance program, valve maintenance, hydrant maintenance, condition of plant and parts inventory, need to track incidental costs. SOS members present engaged in conversation.
    - ii. Added: Domina Water Service Application—discussion of request to delay bond payment until after service is turned on; board expressed concern over precedent setting; Mark made a motion to deny request; seconded by Leanne; roll call vote with unanimous approval
  - d. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*)
    - i. Rough quote of \$50-60k for material from St. Onge, still waiting on additional quotes. Follow up is additional quote in next weeks.
4. Visitors
  - a. Larry re: questioned fireworks permits for activities in town, referencing Saturday night 1:30am incident on Regan Road; formal permission from fire chief is required per statute.
5. Old Business
  - a. ARPA Appropriations, Planning (*update*)

- i. Erin providing clarification on FY 21 budget status as relates to lost income provisions of funds use.
    - ii. Receipt of funds pending
  - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)
    - i. Test pits continuing
  - c. Dog Complaint Snider/Mandigo follow-up (*discussion*)—no hearing required; in absence of Dog Officer (continue vacancy) Board will send certified letter to owners
  - d. Animal Control Officer Vacancy (*discussion*)—still vacant; carry over
- 6. New Business
  - a. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)—none
  - b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none
- 7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
- 8. Review Action Items for Board Members
- 9. Suzanne made a motion to adjourn meeting; seconded by Leanne. Roll call vote unanimous approval; meeting adjourned at 8:21pm