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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

6:30pm

Montgomery Town Hall, 57 Main Street Montgomery Center

In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Emily Kimball, Suzanne Dollois, Leanne Barnard (board); John Kuryloski, Kay Kuryloksi, Roger Lichti, Sarita Kahn, Daniel Kahn, Sarah Borodoft, Alissa Hardy, Bob Cummings, Rebecca Cummings, Sue Wilson, Roger Garceau, Mary Garceau, Lissy O'Dowd, Lynda Cluba

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda – one addition from Mark re: Public Works:  
*Temporary help plowing during Mark Guillmette's recovery from surgery*
2. **ARPA Listening Session**
  - a. Charlie introduced the topic. Montgomery is slated to receive close to \$360k in federal recovery act funds. Funds must be obligated by 12/31/24 and expended by 12/31/26. The Board is soliciting ideas for use of the funds (following federal guidelines – see VCLT website)
  - b. Ideas presented during the discussion included:
    - i. Filling gaps in the budget for the Wastewater and Streetscape project
    - ii. Getting power to the Regan Road Reservoir Tank to replace solar battery; potential for EMS signal booster at site
    - iii. Town Office/PSB Renovations
    - iv. Match \$ for grants (ref TAP grants for Longley Bridge / Center)
    - v. Revisit the original list from the Montgomery Thrives Initiative
    - vi. Booklet with information on businesses in the Community/promotional material
    - vii. Better signage
    - viii. Art Project in the center; potential mural
    - ix. Community co-work space with hi speed internet
    - x. Broadband – subsidized line drops for folks in need
    - xi. Jay Peak to Montgomery Shuttle
    - xii. Methane Capture or Wastewater and Compost; biosolids applications
    - xiii. Re-visit EMS in the community or partnership to boost service
    - xiv. Increased parking in the Center
    - xv. Community Cannabis Garden for those who can't grow their own
    - xvi. Indoor recreation spaces for young people
    - xvii. Daycare/childcare

- xviii. Grants for new businesses/existing businesses (start up capital)
    - xix. Work re: spring on Hill West Road or other semi-public water sources
    - xx. Tech for hybrid public meetings
  - c. Noted that not all the above uses may qualify, but the board will begin filtering ideas through the guidelines. Town should seek to leverage funds were at all possible by utilizing as match components to grants, etc.
3. Review/approve minutes of the October 4<sup>th</sup> meeting (*board action*)
- a. Emily made a motion to approve as written; seconded by Suzanne; unanimous approval, minutes adopted as written
4. Public Works
- a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
    - i. Grant Updates
      - 1. Municipal Grants in Aid Work completed, reimbursement submission pending
    - ii. Project Updates
      - 1. Trucks getting ready for winter; final grading continued (training opportunity)
    - iii. Added item: Additional assistance for winter during Mark Guilmette’s absence. Discussion ensued as to need, time reqs. Mark has lined up Jeff Kittell (who worked with town last year). Tabled until end of the meeting to discuss compensation under executive session.
  - b. Buildings and Grounds
    - i. 98 Main Street (*update*)—no updates at this time
    - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*)—They met last week; next meeting pending; committee has found the full set of plans. Committee is drafting potential lay outs, etc. Also work on gardens has started for re-vamp
  - c. Water Commission
    - i. Updates (*update*)—SOS contract expiring at the end of the month, need to set exit meeting
    - ii. Public Water System Officials Contact Form (*board action*)
      - 1. Charlie made a motion to designate operator: Mark Brouillette; administrative contact: Charlie Hancock (chair); financial contact Erin (treasurer); Owner: Town of Montgomery; additional operator (Scott); second from Leanne; vote 4-0-1 (Mark abstained); motion carries
  - d. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*)—temporary fix completed, final work pending spring
5. Visitors
- a. Sue Wilson – Historical society has started application to get the Grange/Town Hall on National Register of Historic Places

6. Old Business
  - a. ARPA Appropriations (*update*)—see above
  - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)—no updates at this time
7. New Business
  - a. Planning Commission
    - i. Vacancy Appointment (*board action*)
      1. Alissa Hardy (chair planning commission) introduced the Commission recommendation of Peter Locher. Charlie opened Nominations; Suzanne nominated Peter Locher. Charlie closed nominations. Vote: Unanimous
    - ii. Regional Planning Bylaw Modernization Grant Opportunity (*potential board action*)
      1. Board consensus was to relay interest in opportunity to NRPC; Alissa will come back with additional information for formal vote at next meeting
  - b. Board of Listers
    - i. Board Structure/Organization/Membership (Listers vs. Assessors) (*discussion*)
      1. Lynda Cluba relayed to the board that Wendy Howard will be moving to Enosburg and therefore will no longer be eligible for position; Lynda is also looking at retiring from Board of Listers. Discussion ensued as to best path forward (maintain and re-populate board, look at hiring as assessor(s). No formal decision at this time.
  - c. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*) – none
  - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*) – none
8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
9. Review Action Items for Board Members

Motion for Executive Session to discuss compensation rate for Contractor made by Leanne, second Suzanne; vote unanimous; Board asked Mark to remain for discussion as for this portion he is acting in capacity as Public Works Director.

Motion to exit Executive Session Suzanne, second Emily; unanimous approval.

Charlie made a motion to hire Jeff Kittell on a temporary contract basis to assist with plowing operations through the winter at a rate of \$24/hr. Leanne Second. Vote 4-0-1 (Mark Abstained)

10. Adjourn – Suzanne, second Emily, Vote unanimous