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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, November 1st 2021

6:30pm

Public Service Building Conference Room - 86 Mountain Road

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In attendance: Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard, Charlie Hancock, Suzanne Dollois (via zoom), Emily Kimball (via zoom). Visitors: Suzanne Wilson, Linda Cluba, Alissa Hardy (via zoom), Hunter (NWATV)

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Addition: replacement offer for 550 Town Truck

2. Review/approve minutes of the October 18th meeting (*board action*)
 - a. Mark made a motion to adopt the minutes as written; seconded by Leanne; Unanimous roll call vote approval

3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
 - i. Grant Updates
 1. Grant is Aid for 2021 has been submitted; reimbursement will be \$20,300 (not \$17,500 as originally anticipated). Match is \$5,000 and we came in at \$5,095 for Montgomery Share (north hill, Regan Road work)
 2. Better Back Roads West Hill Project needs updating
 3. Grants in Aid 2022 is Black Falls, application pending approval
 - ii. Project Updates
 1. Truck 1 back to Clarks (should be back November 2nd), issue with fan; Truck 3 (550) into Lutz for brakes; tires all switched over and plow frames are on.
 2. Flags coming down this week.
 - iii. Added: new truck to replace the 550
 1. 550 is a 2016; no more warranty; had problems with it last winter and had to hire out plowing. Looking to get a new truck by Fall 2022. Now making International CB 515 (slightly bigger than 550). Anticipated last longer since it's heavier duty truck. To have ready by next fall would need to order now due to supply chain issues. Have provision in order

that we can order now, and if budget item doesn't pass at town meeting we're not on the hook for the truck and get out of the order

- a. 550 is no longer under warranty
 - b. Total \$69,000; \$61,000 for plowing equipment. \$25-30k anticipated trade in value fall 2022 (anticipating one more winter of plowing). Net \$100k to finance new truck. Includes 7-yr warranty w/ price
 - c. Mark G's truck still has 1-2 years left on warranty
 - d. Mark discussed situation with other International trucks
 - e. Charlie reviewed debt service situation and projections; first payment not until FY23 on proposed new truck
 - f. Discussion ensued
 - g. Charlie will ask Erin about 3-year term on loan
2. Motion by Charlie to accept Allegiance Truck proposal for the CV515 SFA International Truck, including the provision as written in the deal that town may exit order if budget item fails at Town Meeting 2022; seconded by Leanne
 - a. Discussion—do we want to get other quotes prior to accepting this offer as written? Other quotes would be for 550, smaller truck. International dealers have merged, so we're not able to get another quote on the CB 515
 3. Vote: roll call 4-0-1 (Mark abstains)
- b. Buildings and Grounds
- i. 98 Main Street (*update*)—no updates at this time
 - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*)
 1. Committee work is continuing
 - iii. Town hall has been winterized, Blouin brought second Propane tank
- c. Water Commission
- i. Updates (*update*) (below)
 - ii. Exit Meeting w/ Simon Operations
 1. Mark and Scott met with Ross and Lance to go over the plant and status; Mission system contact switched over to us, added Scott
 2. Issues at plant (see list from Mark)
 3. Today (Monday): St. Isadores needed water shut off for rectory, was routed through rectory to hall, installed direct line to hall with curb stop for the house; water can now be turned off. Work complete.
 4. Still working on getting estimate from VEC for pole and transformer with 200 ft. buried power to Regan Road pump station. Estimate pending. Need easement from landowners
- d. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*)
- i. Recap Army Corp issues; meeting pending to discuss with MGM and team

4. Visitors

- a. Sue Wilson—request DRB appointment of Mary Garceau as alternate (Wendy Howard resigned, John K was appointed as alternate, he will need to be appointed as full board member). Mary was ZA in St. Albans, has the background. Board will take up at 11/15 meeting
- b. Sue showed Seasons Greetings Banners (alternate with holiday wreaths), looks great, will go up after Thanksgiving
- c. Linda Cluba (see Listers below)

5. Old Business

- a. ARPA Appropriations (*update*)
 - i. Community Survey recapped; should go live on website next week; will follow up with hardcopy at town office
- b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)
 - i. Deep boring work at 242 site next Monday
 - ii. Pending announcements re: funding this week

6. New Business

- a. Planning Commission
 - i. Regional Planning Bylaw Modernization Grant Opportunity (*board action*)
 - 1. Charlie and Alissa introduced opportunity; discussion ensued
 - 2. Motion to adopt the resolution by Emily; second by Mark; Vote: 5-0 unanimous
- b. Board of Listers
 - i. Errors and Omissions Certificate (*board action*)
 - 1. Jordan Kane amended to reflect removal of developers discount
 - 2. Motion to adopt Errors and Omissions Cert as presented by listers made by Mark; Seconded by Leanne; roll call vote 5-0 unanimous
 - ii. Appointment of Lister to fill Vacancy (*board action*)
 - 1. Linda will finish next Grand List and then leave 2022; Wendy has already left; Board of Listers would like to have Kate Cummings appointed. Listers are also investigating future options for hiring appraiser and shifting board model depending on composition; likely need a town wide reappraisal in next 2-4 years due to recent sale volume/pricing (we should have fund full, anticipating \$125-140k cost)
 - a. Motion to appoint Kate Cummings to fill lister vacancy left by Wendy Howard, and to appoint Wendy Howard as assistant to the Listers, made by Mark; Seconded by Suzanne
 - i. Discussion on rates, remaining; Charlie made friendly amendment to maintain payment rates, accepted by Mark
 - b. Vote: 5-0 unanimous approval

- iii. Appointment of Assistant to Board of Listers (*potential board action*) (see ABOVE)
 - iv. Board Structure/Organization/Membership (Listers vs. Assessors) (*discussion*) (ABOVE)
- c. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)—none
 - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none
7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
 8. Review Action Items for Board Members
 9. Motion to Adjourn by Suzanne; seconded by Mark; 5-0 unanimous approval. Meeting Adjourned.