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MINUTES of the REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2021

6:30pm

Public Service Building Conference Room - 86 Mountain Road

Recording available: <https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/pM0tssdJ2uKHfZBPZjGtnLSI9jRT-GqCrCNHv-igs0fQuDR5fTQw2hgxuuYCJep.1tP4NdHYn8TTxRPG> Passcode: z9C\*%TF4

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:41pm – in attendance Suzanne Dollois, Mark Brouillette, Charlie Hancock, Emily Kimbal (via Zoom); visitors Barry Kade; Sue Wilson, Scott Perry, Suzanne Pelletier, Debbie Gemme, Sharon Zecchinelli, phone number 802-327-3366; NWATV

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—no changes made
2. Review/approve minutes of the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting (*board action*)—suzanne made a motion to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Mark; unanimous approval by role call vote
3. Public Works
  - a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
    - i. Grant Updates—better back roads grant pending submission
    - ii. Project Updates—into plow season; small truck is still down, waiting for auger motor part, should be in soon; also waiting on controller for sander on Scott's truck. Plowing has been going well, still working bugs out of equipment.
  - b. Buildings and Grounds
    - i. 98 Main Street (*update*)—no updates at this time
    - ii. PSB/Town Office Renovation Committee (*update*) – The committee met with the architect Michael Dugan (who originally did the work for this building) and did a walk through/discussed our plans-went very well. Michael is going to make new copies of the floor plans for the committee to mark-up closer to actual scale; Erin will look into requirements on bidding and get us up to speed on that process. Michael will get in touch with the Division of Fire/Safety to begin a dialogue with them.

- c. Water Commission
    - i. Updates (*update*) – filter A has been repaired; still need a couple new actuators; pump at school pump station needs to be rebuilt (leaking)
    - ii. Regan Road Pump Station Project; additional estimates received, total project cost coming in around \$\$17.5k. Discussion was had regarding easement needs. Charlie will follow up with information to VEC, and run project through ARPA eligibility filter.
  - d. Longley Bridge TAP (*update*) – no updates at this time
4. Visitors
- a. Scott Perry –The State has placed the Crescent Theater (aka Grange, Town Hall) on the State List of Historic Places and determined it is eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) (see atchs below). This will greatly improve the chances of getting grants through the preservation community. Next step is assessment/technical report; need to engage individual to prepare material for National Park Service, need to connect with Preservation Trust of Vermont. Need planning Grant from preservation trust. Board will reach out re: next steps.
5. Old Business
- a. ARPA Appropriations (*update*)
    - i. Community Survey (*update*)
      - 1. Responses still coming in, will be added to list for consideration
  - b. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)—meeting with state scheduled for Tuesday to discuss flow rate calculations and get concurrence. Funding response pending re: CDS appropriation. Discussions with state continue re: gaps.
  - c. Municipal Website Updates (*discussion*) – Emily will chase down an estimate for work with Zach (Liz, Genevieve, and Erin will provide additional input on proposed changes/updates). Potential for ARPA money application.
  - d. NWCUD Update – see Everett notes
    - i. The NWCUD is currently finishing its business plan and high level engineering design. These items should be complete by January. With this task completed, we will have a project plan and will be able to make an estimation of the buildout schedule, including for Montgomery. There is significant funding available from the state, \$250M statewide, which will get us started on a network build. NWCUD has been awarded \$1.2M for planning and preconstruction work and the association of CUDs will be placing the initial order for optical fiber cable so that we can begin construction in the second half of 2022. Preconstruction work, mostly getting utility poles inventoried and ready for fiber, will begin this spring. The buildout will take approximately 3-4 years and we will not know where Montgomery fits in that schedule until mid-2022. The state funding does require universal access, meaning that every on-grid premise will get a broadband connection. The state funding also prioritizes premises that are currently unserved or underserved, which is nearly all of Montgomery except where cable

is available (Comcast along Main St.). CUD has hired an Executive Director, Sean Kio, and are interviewing for a Project Manager and an Administrative Coordinator. Everett McGinely was recently elected Chair of the CUD. CUD has changed their name to Northwest Fiberworx to better describe our mission.

6. New Business

- a. S.1 – Permissive grant of authority for Municipal Face Covering Rule (*discussion of any potential implementation following legislative action, potential for board action*)
  - i. Charlie presented the topic and opened discussion. Members of the public weighed in (all opposed to mandate). Board consensus not to act on authority. Charlie made a motion to table the topic, seconded by Suzanne; unanimous approval by role call vote.
- b. Gibou/West Hill Signage for drivers who trust their GPS too much (*discussion*)—signage has been ordered to address this
- c. Grange/Town Hall National Register of Historic Places Designation (*discussion*) - see notes under visitors
- d. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)—none
- e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn—Suzanne moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mark. Unanimous approval by role call vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm