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Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION  
Monday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 2022

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

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In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Suzanne Dollois, Emily Kimball, Leanne Barnard; Erin Kopacz, NWATV; Larry Letourneau and Anita Woodward (via Zoom); Mark arrived 6:42pm; Barry Kade arrived 6:47pm

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—two additions, Roads, Black Falls speed limit sign and acceptance of Better Roads Grant Agreement; remove FY21 final budget review (tabled until August)
2. Review/approve minutes of the 6/23 and 7/11 board meeting (*board action*)
  - a. Motion to approve the minutes of the 6/23 meeting as written made by Suzanne; seconded by Emily; approved 3-0-1 (Leanne abstained)
  - b. Motion to approve the minutes of the 7/11 meeting as written made by Leanne; seconded by Suzanne; approved 4-0
3. Public Works
  - a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
    - i. Creamery Bridge—fencing installed by landowner restricts turn around for bus/trucks; fence may be in right of way; will ask landowner to move fence back to edge of grass (erosion issue addressed).
    - ii. FEMA reimbursement—Biden Administration bumped reimbursement ratio from 75% to 90% for 2019 Halloween Storm. Town is expecting unbudgeted check (income) for the balance, likely around \$30k.
    - iii. Added: Black Falls 35 mph sign request—we have signs in the garage, Mark will coordinate with landowners

- iv. Additional projects – Hill West, Black Falls both still scheduled for this summer/fall. Mark soliciting bids; may try to combine bids for both projects
    - v. Paving at PSB lot – paving projected for week of 25<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Buildings and Grounds
    - i. Appraisal Cost for 98 Main Street (post office/old town office) (*board action*)—no update that this time, table until August meeting
  - c. Water Commission (*update*)—no issues
  - d. Truck Trade-in vs. Sale of Town Truck / CNB Loan (*potential board action*)
    - i. Offer from Allegiance: \$12,000, which is over \$15k *less* than what they verbally quoted the town when new truck was initially ordered. Discussion ensued; board thinks this offer from Allegiance is very low ball.
    - ii. Mark will advertise to get sealed bids
    - iii. Discussion of use of reserve fund (Machinery Replacement) to cover balance; current balance in fund around \$70k, likely draw to cover difference in trade in value against loan amount around \$5k.
    - iv. Letter of Commitment for Loan presented by Erin. Motion to execute the letter of Commitment for truck loan by Leanne; seconded by Suzanne; approved 3-1-1 (Emily objects, Mark abstains).
- 4. Visitors
  - a. Erin Kopacz up first:
    - i. Bond Bank water dept Re-finance update: interest rates have climbed since initial discussion; two loans not worth even refinancing anymore. Savings only amount to \$11k on the third loan with no time saving (no early pay off); rate would go from 4.7% to 4.05%. Erin will continue to work with bond bank, but if rates continue to climb we may scuttle the refinancing project.
    - ii. PSB Reno budget: committee requesting \$1,800 for Michael’s work to date as well as funding for next steps (RFP for construction manager and determination of cost estimates); Charlie moved to authorize \$2.5k from Bldg Capital Improve fund, seconded by Suzanne; approved 5-0
    - iii. Endorsement for First Responders: we now have 5 first responders who will respond in their own vehicles; VLCT endorsement available to cover those in personal vehicles responding to calls; need to add endorsement to cover, will cost \$400/yr. to be paid from the Fire Dept budget (will cover total dept, including first responders). Motion to add endorsement for addition to policy by Emily; seconded by Leanne; Suzanne offered friendly amendment to pay out of general fund instead of fire dept budget, accepted by Emily; motion as amended approved 5-0
  - b. Larry and Anita
    - i. Larry asked when 1% local option tax will go into effect—October 1<sup>st</sup>
    - ii. Town had no policy about working on Class III roads, Larry suggested we should probably have a policy on Class III road work (addition to Class IV road policy)

- iii. Larry suggested that a statement is needed at the end of the ATV Ordinance (or amended policy) regarding allowed use of ATVs during mud season for delivery of food, supplies to stranded property owners (ie. emergency situations)
- iv. Larry questioned new driveway on Regan Road, Mark confirmed driveway permit is in place.
- v. Larry inquired about the status of the Manosh property – board will follow up with Sue and Ellen following letters; will also follow up with Doug re: safety inspection outcome/next steps
- c. Barry Kade
  - i. Cote Road Offer of Dedication – Barry outlined the status of the proposal; Cote Road goes to Bridge with no turn around at Bridge; offer is for a gift of ROW for turn around, and gift (warranty deed) of addition to road; town would own additional 175’ of road. Charlie will connect Mark with Don and Sandy for meeting on site.
  - ii. Short Term Rental proposal – getting this back on the Board’s agenda; Barry will forward copy Killington’s bylaw to zoning regarding this. Discussion around intent; housing stock vs. safety/quality of life/accountability.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Municipal Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*update*)—Charlie provided update, will forward ESA. Meeting with engineers pending for week of July 25<sup>th</sup> to discuss final supplement to PER and next steps associated with ESA for final engineering, as well as options for disposal sites. Will warn and get public notice out as soon as scheduled.
- b. Revisions to Dog Ordinance Complaint process/Formalized form (*potential board action*)—board reviewed the draft forms, discussion ensued; proposed edits were taken, to be incorporated and brought back next meeting.
- c. Personnel Contract Renewals/Planning for Employee Interviews (*discussion may be held in executive session I VSA 313 I(A)—contracts*) – board discussed scheduling/vacation dates. Charlie will look at availability and send scheduling email shortly.
- d. Short Term Rental Ordinance recommendations from Planning Commission (*discussion, potential board action*)—see above under visitors
- e. PSB Renovation budget and potential use(s) of ARPA funds (*discussion*)—see above under visitors

## 6. New Business

- a. Cote Road Irrevocable Dedication of Acceptance from Crocker (*Board Action*)—see above under visitors

- b. Endorsement to the insurance policy to cover first responders (*Board Action*)—see above under visitors
  - c. Final FY22 Budget to Actual numbers (*discussion*) – removed from agenda (tabled to August)
  - d. Overweight Truck Permits (*board action*)—none
  - e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none
  - f. Acceptance of FY23 Better Roads Grant Agreement - \$46k award, match/in-kind \$11,500; for work in Hill West Road. Motion to accept the FY23 Better Roads Agreement to support work on Hill West by Suzanne; seconded by Emily; 4-0-1 (mark abstains)
7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
8. Review Action Items for Board Members
9. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Suzanne; second Leanne; approved 5-0; meeting adjourned 8:28pm