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Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, January 2nd 2023

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

View Recording:

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In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Suzanne Dollois, Emily Kimball, Leanne, Barnard; Walter Knight, Alissa Hardy, Peter Locher, Daniel Kahn, Sarita Kahn, Bill Hayme, Tosca Smith, Joe Sherman, Aidan Forbes, Amanda Forbes, Barry Kade, Merle VanGieson, Ryan Carroll, Chris Johnson, Lauri Ellis, Karie Quintin, Bradford Elliot; via Zoom: Lynda Cluba, Larry Letourneau, Parma Jewitt, James Schley, Gabrielle Lumbra, Lynne (?), Suzi Hull Cavanant, Kimberly (?), Lissy O'Dowd, Oliver and Adah DeRossier, Linda Mahns

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—no changes made
2. Review/approve minutes of the 12/5 board meeting (*board action*)— *Typo, these should be 12/19. For some reason they were not posted on the website, approval will be tabled until next meeting.
3. Short Term Rental Ordinance (*discussion, potential board action*)

Draft Available: <https://montgomeryvt.us/files/gov/short-term-rental-ordinance/>

Charlie introduced the topic, then gave members of the Planning Commission an opportunity to provide background, review the draft, and highlight content, following which the topic was opened up for discussion. View recording for full discussion.

Discussion was closed and board members were asked for a motion or consensus on next steps. Board consensus was not to formally move on the draft ordinance, and to:

- Direct the DRB and PC develop a formal check list for SB review concerning current Conditional Use review process and identify specific gaps/concerns which cannot be addressed by the CU process;

- Respond to PC desire for more information on the topic, asking PC for a budget request for AirDNA subscription if desired to compile information on the extend of existing properties being managed as short term rentals;
- Monitor State efforts to address STRs and, more broadly, efforts around housing.

4. Public Works

- a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
 - i. Personnel Transitions – new hire is working out well, no issues
 - ii. Longley Bridge Road Project (*update*)—selection committee meeting again next week to select “at the ready” consultant
- b. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. 98 Main Street, USPS operations (*discussion*)—no response from USPS since last update in early December
- c. Water Commission (*update*)
 - i. Regan Road Power Project (*update*)—paperwork with landowner, expected to be returned shortly

5. Visitors

- a. Larry – inquired around signage for Class IV roads and winter travel. Will follow up with Mark and road crew.

6. Old Business

- a. Town Meeting 2023 Planning—nothing needed on this topic at this time. Budget Committee meetings start week of 1/9

7. New Business

- a. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none
- b. Fleet Permits (*board action*)

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters—none

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Suazanne, seconded by Emily, unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm