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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**

Monday, December 19th 2022

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7582458245>

Passcode: W*0PeBpt

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

In attendance: Charlie, Emily, Suzanne, Mark, Leanne; Larry L (via Zoom); NWATV

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Add uniforms under public works
 - b. Add Wastewater Grant application
 - c. Add Website Review

Prior to the approval of the minutes Charlie shared that Kate Cummings, one of Montgomery's Listers, passed away Saturday. As Kate was a town official, the flag at the village green has been lowered to half staff in remembrance.

2. Review/approve minutes of the 12/5 board meeting (*board action*)
 - a. Motion to approve as written made by Leanne; seconded by Emily; approved 4-0-1 (Suzanne abstaining)
 - b. Mark asked to enter a letter from Ken Forbes into the minutes of this meeting re: the letter submitted by Ron Lowell, recorded in the 12/5 minutes. Letter was read and will be entered into the minutes.
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads and Bridges (*updates*)
 - i. Personnel Transitions – Part Time Hire (*board action*)
 1. With mutual understanding and agreement, Kenny Miller will be transitioning out of the position. The board thanks Kenny for his service. The position will now need to be filled. Board has multiple applications on hand.
 2. Motion into Executive Session to discuss hiring and contracts made by Emily; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0

- a. Board entered into Executive Session at at 6:40pm
 - 3. Motion to Exit Executive Session made by Suzanne; seconded by Leanne; 5-0
 - a. Board exited Executive Session at 6:48pm
 - 4. Suzanne moved to extend the offer of part time employment to Shane Lumbra at a rate of \$24/hr. effective immediately (for 20/hr. week position); seconded Emily; approved 5-0
 - ii. Longley Bridge Road Project – Prequalified Vendor/Selection Committee (*discussion, board action*)
 - 1. Charlie provided the context around state grant requirements and need to establish a selection committee to choose pre-qualified vendor.
 - 2. Motion to establish selection committee of Charlie H, Mark B, Erin K, and Dean P (MGM NRPC) made by Suzanne; seconded by Emily; approved 5-0
 - iii. Added: Uniforms
 - 1. Road crew not pleased with unifirst service, asked Town to look at other options. Erin has presented a quote from Mountain View Printing in the amount of \$2,330 for uniforms/embroidery/screen printing. The amount is in line with budget and less than what Town was paying unifirst.
 - 2. Motion to approve the quote made by Suzanne; seconded by Emily; approved 5-0
 - b. Buildings and Grounds
 - i. 98 Main Street, USPS operations (*discussion*)
 - 1. Charlie sent an email to Sanders office requesting assistance, cc:ing USPS officials, following which USPS re-engaged (after weeks without responding to contact). Reiterated desire to return to Main St space and asked for blueprint of building, which Charlie provided.
 - c. Water Commission (*update*)
 - i. Regan Road Power Project (*update*)
 - 1. Pending landowner signatures
4. Visitors
5. Old Business
- a. Draft Short Term Rental Ordinance (planning/scheduling hearing)
 - i. Hearing scheduled for 1/2/23 (board will maintain regular meeting schedule for January). Charlie will check and follow up re: statutory reqs as relates to posting, reconsideration, etc.
 - b. Town Meeting 2023 Planning – Budget requests went out last week. Nothing to add at this time.
 - c. Add: Wastewater Project Grant additional application – Charlie discussed plans to submit *Community Recovery and Revitalization Program* Grant, application due 12/30/22, with award up to \$1M to provide additional financial support to project.
 - i. Motion to approve of grant submittal by Leanne; seconded by Suzannne; approved 5-0

- d. Add: Website Tour from Emily – Emily provided tour of updated website to board and took comment. Working with Zack to go live shortly.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*) - none
 - b. Fleet Permits (*board action*) - none
- 7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
- 8. Review Action Items for Board Members
- 9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Suzanne; seconded Emily; approved 5-0
 - b. Adjourned 7:31pm

Town of Montgomery Vermont

December 9, 2022

To the Montgomery Vermont Selectboard,

In regards to the minutes of the December 5, 2022 and the letter from Ron Lowell, read by Linda Lowell, my name was brought up in that letter.

1st of all, I wasn't even aware that Ron Lowell had applied for the part-time position.

2nd, Prior to the meeting, Mark Brouillette and I had never had a conversation regarding Ron Lowell.

And furthermore, I haven't had a conversation with Ron Lowell or talked about him in over 20 years.

Please make this letter a part of the written record on this subject.

Sincerely,



Ken Forbes