



MINUTES of the
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, January 30th 2023
6:30pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—none made
2. Review/approve minutes of the 1/3 Regular Meeting
 - a. Motion to approve as written by Leanne; seconded by Suzanne; 4-0-1 (Mark abstaining)
3. Public Works
 - a. Municipal Roads General Permit (MRGP) (*board action*)
 - i. Mark introduced the permit from DEC Watershed Management; agreement to terms and conditions for eligibility in state grant funding programs, \$640 fee associated with permit. Motion to sign the notice of intent for general permit for 2023 by Mark; seconded by Suzanne; approved 5-0
 - b. Annual Hwy Mileage Certificate (*board action*)
 - i. Mark presented the certificate, no changes from 2022.
 - ii. Mark moved to adopt cert of hwy mileage year ending Feb 10th 2023; seconded by Suzanne; approved 5-0
 - c. VEC Road Crossing Permit Request - WO 2022017021
 - i. Mark presented the permit request 1359 Hill West Road, installation of vault and of power under the road. Motion to approve the permit for 1359 Hill West Road by Leanne; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0
 - d. FY24 Water Dept Budget (*board action*)
 - i. Erin reviewed the proposed water budget with the board. Amendments were offered and accepted. Motion to approve FY24 Water Dept Budget in the amount of \$107,327 made by Suzanne; seconded by Leanne; 5-0
4. Old Business—none

5. New Business

- a. Board approval of application for Town Hall (Grange) on the National Register of Historic Places (*board action*)
 - i. Scott introduced the topic w/ presentation
 - ii. Mark moved to approve the following resolution: *The Town of Montgomery recognizes the significance of, and values, its heritage in many forms and appreciates efforts to designate its covered bridges and other historic structures on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. In furtherance of that end, the Town will pursue the nomination of the Montgomery Town Hall (formerly the Congregational Church, the Crescent Theater, and Grange 548) to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places.* Seconded by Emily; 5-0
 1. Motion to appoint Emily Kimball as Selectboard lesion to the project by mark, seconded by Suzanne; 4-0-1 (Emily abstains)
- b. Emergency Services/Ambulance Contract Renewal (*board action*)
 - i. Larry Gervais Enosburgh Selectboard Chair introduced the contract; one version is a 3-year, one is a 5-year (last one was a 5-year contract)
 1. Population numbers has changed (?) this needs to be re-visited, price is based on per capita
 2. Add “service” definition (ALS, what to expect in a manned crew)
 3. Larry will follow up with amended version
- c. ARPA funds (*discussion, potential board action*)—Charlie introduced the topic and laid out next steps. No immediate action.
- d. Approval of FY24 Municipal Budget, report from Budget Committee (*board action*)
 - i. Charlie reviewed the proposed budget, highlighting various areas, and providing for additional comment from the board and members of the budget committee.
 - ii. Mark moved to approve the FY24 municipal budget in the amount not to exceed \$1,399,220; seconded by Leanne; 5-0
- e. Approval of the Town Meeting 2023 Warning (*board action*)
 - i. Charlie reviewed the Warning with board, adjusting budget article based on the above
 - ii. Motion to approve the Warning as Written by Emily; seconded by Suzanne; 5-0
- f. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
- g. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
 - i. Newport Sand and Gravel
 - ii. Jack F. Corse
 1. Motion to approve by Mark, seconded by Suzanne; 4-0-1 (Emily)

6. Visitors

- a. Larry – Class IV signage for winter roads (“Road not maintained in Winter months”)
- b. Carissa Stein – update on Town Land and grant applications

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Suzanne; seconded by Leanne; 5-0
- b. Adjourned at 8:35pm

WARNING
TOWN OF MONTGOMERY ANNUAL TOWN MEETING – 2023

The legal voters of the town of Montgomery in the County of Franklin are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, the 7th day of March, 2023 AD, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following business to wit:

1. Elect a Moderator for the ensuing year
2. Elect the remaining Town Officers as required by law:
 - a. Selectperson- two (2) year term by ballot (Emily Kimball, expires 2025)
 - b. Selectperson- three (3) year term by ballot (Suzanne Dollois, expires 2026)
 - c. Lister- three (3) year term by ballot (Genevieve Lodal-Guild, expires 2026)
 - d. Lister- remainder three (3) year term expiring in 2024 by ballot (James Walsh, appointed)
 - e. Lister- remainder three (3) year term expiring in 2025 by ballot (Vacancy)
 - f. Delinquent Tax Collector- three (3) year term (Anita Woodward, expires 2026)
 - g. First Constable- two (2) year term (Brent Godin, expires 2025)
 - h. Village Cemetery Commissioner- remainder four (4) year term expiring in 2024 (Vacancy)
 - i. Center Cemetery Commissioner- five (5) year term (Lynda Cluba- expires 2028)
 - j. Library Trustee- remainder three (3) year term expiring in 2025 (Jen Wirth, appointed)
 - k. Fire Commissioner- two (2) year term (Joseph Zartarian, expires 2025)
 - l. Planning Commission- three (3) year term (Joseph Sherman, expires 2026)
3. Shall the voters approve the addition of one (1) Trustee seat, to increase the Board membership of Library Trustees from eight (8) to nine (9) members.
 - a. To elect a Library Trustee for a term of three (3) years (expires 2026)
4. Shall the voters authorize the Treasurer, pursuant to 32 VSA 4791, to collect Current Taxes.
5. Shall the town vote to approve a half cent increase in the tax rate to be allotted to the Conservation Reserve Fund (established by the voters in 2018) in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §2804.

6. Shall the voters accept a fiscal year 2024 Budget of expenditures not to exceed \$1,399,220.00 of which an estimated \$964,448 shall be raised by taxes, and authorize the Selectboard to set a tax rate sufficient to provide the same.
7. To do any other business proper to be done at said meeting.

Dated at Montgomery, Vermont this 30th day of January, 2023 AD

Selectboard:

Charlie Hancock, Chairman

Leanne Barnard, Vice Chair

Mark Brouillette

Emily Kimball

Suzanne Dollois

Attest: _____ Date: _____
Elizabeth Reighley, Municipal Clerk, Town of Montgomery