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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, February 20th 2023
6:30pm
Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)
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In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Mark B., Bethany Remmers, Emily Kimball, Carmen Nesbit, Hannah Carol Nesbit, NWATV; Suzanne Dollois, Sue Wilson, Merle VanGieson, Larry Letourneau, Dean Pierce, Meagan Robidoux (via Zoom)

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda—none made

2. Review/approve minutes of the 2/6 meeting

    a. Motion to approve as written made by Mark; seconded by Leanne; 4-0-1 (Suzanne abstains—not present for meeting)

3. Public Works
    a. Updates *(discussion)*—Truck 2 is back in the shop, likely related to electrical system; depending on issue, the truck is still under warranty.
    b. Municipal Representative for VTrans related projects, grants, etc. (*board action*)
        i. Housekeeping issue. Charlie moved to appoint Mark Brouillette (Road Commissioner) the primary Municipal Representative and point of contact for any and all VTrans related projects, with Scott Ovitt (Road Foreman) serving the secondary representative and point of contact; seconded by Emily. 4-0-1 (Mark abstains)
    c. Construction Inspection Agreement for Longley Bridge Road project (*board action*)
        i. Charlie introduced the topic; this role is required by VTrans for funding. John Turner submitted proposal under at-the-ready process. Board reviewed proposal with Dean Pierce from NRPC and concurred. Motion to adopt Construction Inspection Contract Agreement as presented with John Turner Consulting for the Longley project made by Mark; seconded by Leanne; approved 5-0

d. Black Falls Culvert Project / Clean Water Service Provider funds *(discussion, potential board action)*
    i. Bethany Remmers (asst. director NRPC) introduced the topic: currently corrugated pipe that NRPC worked with town to get Lake Champlain Basin Funding ~$100k to replace, plus additional grant for design work. Replacement structure would be much larger than 6' culvert to meet stream alteration permit/AOP (which was a funding source)/and meet resiliency standard for sizing. Design work revealed cost of $600-800k replacement structure (16.5' x 8' concrete structure). Another opportunity for support is through Clean Water Funding Missisquoi basin, state dollars, no required local match. Can we go after $300-500k? Grant due March 6th. Background work is pretty much complete. Question is whether NRPC should work with Mark to submit application
    ii. Mark moved to apply for funding to support project through Clean Water Funding for Missisquoi Basin; seconded by Emily; 5-0 (DUE MARCH 6th)

e. Class I TH discussion –
    i. Charlie and Bethany re-capped conversation with engineers re: Streetscape project and need to decide whether town will take over approx. 1 mi of state highway. Adoption of C1TH is needed if specific structures, alternations are to occur, otherwise project must to scaled to meet VTrans criteria for continued management/maintenance as state highway.
    ii. Town would share responsibility with VTrans; board reviewed responsibility table in White Paper.
    iii. Bethany presented a review of the Cost Analysis for State Highway adoption; different options result in almost net even cost to funding ratio; other options result in significant town investment (tied to taking over structure and signals, in this case the bridge over on Rt. 118 south of Center).
    iv. Take home – we don't want to take over the bridge on Rt. 118 (we don't want a traffic signal or a large bridge)
    v. Time crunch here is that design is as a Class I and we need to get engineering locked
    vi. Topic will be carried forward to future meeting. Draft preliminary design should be to board early March; abutter meetings scheduled for late March; full public engagement meetings pegged for end of June.

4. Old Business
    a. Enosburgh Ambulance Contract (*discussion, board action*)
        i. Charlie reintroduced the contact renewal provided by Enosburgh Ambulance, pointing out the sections which were amended following our last discussion (noting addition of definition Advanced Life Support services) and clarification of population for per capita.
        ii. Mark moved to adopt the 5-year contact with Enosburg as presented; seconded by Leanne; 4-0 (note: Suzanne left the call due to internet issues). Suzanne rejoined the call following the vote
    b. 98 Main St. / USPS Operations *(discussion/potential board action)*—Charlie provided update and context on upcoming decision points. Carry forward.

5. New Business
    a. Fundraising for MES 8th Grade Trip to Washington DC *(discussion, potential board action)*
        i. Carmen Nesbit and Hannah Carol representing the 8th grade at Montgomery Elementary, looking to fundraise for the 8th grade trip. Megan joined the conversation. Discussion ensued.
        ii. Emily – what happens to any money raised over and above the $19k? Can we restrict funds raised for this use alone? Can the funds go to the PTO?
        iii. Board will follow up on questions and bring back conversation next meeting
    b. Town Meeting Prep check-in *(discussion)*—nothing at this time
    c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—the following licenses were tabled until 3/6 due to a lack of hardcopy present for review
        i. Cennamo Corp.
        ii. Darlyn Inc
        iii. Jolly (SB Collins)
    d. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
        i. Bourne's Inc.
        ii. GW Tatro
        iii. Barrett Trucking, Inc.
        iv. Mark moved to approved the slate as presented; seconded by Emily; 4-0 (Suzanne had left)

6. Visitors
    a. Merle – questioned timing for visitors, can we move this up in the agenda going forward? Question re: status of STRO. Merle presented flag code following actions taken by town following passing of sitting town officer. He will drop off flag code for reference.
    b. Larry – question re: when board meets on a holiday and when we don't meet. Board should formalize this to avoid confusion.

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn

    a. Motion to adjourn made by Emily; seconded by Leanne; 4-0
    b. 8:01pm