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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, April 17th 2023
6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

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In Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Leann Barnard, Emily Kimball, Scott Ovitt, Tosca Smith; Zoom Attendance: Sue Wilson, Merle Van Gieson, Larry Letourneau, Amy Godfrey
Meeting Called to order at 6:35; Suzanne Dollois joined via Zoom at 6:50pm

****Please note that the Board experienced audio issues associated with Zoom, whereby only one member was able to be heard via the microphones in the room. The board will work to resolve this for the next meeting.***

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Tabled website contract discussion to next meeting so that Emily can connect with Liz to discuss
2. Review/approve minutes of the 4/3 meeting
 - a. Mark motioned to approve as written, Charlie seconded the motion, motion passed, 3-0-1 (Leann abstained)
3. Appointments (*board action*)
 - a. Delinquent Tax Collector—Deanna Robitalle was elected to this position at Town Meeting. After consulting the Tax Dept (where she is employed as a district advisor) it became apparent that the office was not compatible with here position. We now need to make an appointment to fill this vacancy
 - i. Mark has nominated Robert Barnard III, no other nominations, Robert appointed 4-0-0
 - ii. Discussion with regard to the percentage of 4% to be paid to the Collector of Delinquent Taxes
 - iii. Amy Godfrey suggests that the town retain different counsel with regard conditional use permitting at 686 Deep Gibou Road as the property was sold and there may be issues with the conditional use permit. Charlie will contact Amy to discuss this later this week.

4. Public Works

a. Updates (*discussion*)

- i. Mark reports that the roads in the Village are all passable and in good shape, roads in the Center have fallen apart in the last few days: Gibou, Hazen's Notch, Nutting, Fisher and Amidon, the crew has been working to bring in stone where needed and use the grader to move the mud off of the travel lanes to make the roads passable
- ii. Mark has submitted grant paperwork for grants for Fuller Bridge Road for culvert and paving work

5. Visitors

- a. Merle: would like visitors to be moved to directly following the approval of the minutes
- b. Tosca: Making a request for a Public Records Request for documentation related the MCA's ask of the budget committee for support in FY24 budget
- c. Amy reported that she needs to get a pallet truck out on Thursday and asked if the road would be passable. Scott and Mark report that they will be working on the Gibou Road tomorrow (Tuesday or Wednesday morning), asked that Craig not work on it as Amy had offered.

6. Old Business

a. Municipal Wastewater Project Update (*discussion*)

- i. \$1M in additional funding has been secured via the CRPP program at ACCD (via the state's Economic Progress Council)
- ii. This brings the funding stack to 95% funded from the state and federal sources, with 5% local from the local source (option tax and user fees)
- iii. State is reviewing latest engineering plans for comment, then the engineers can begin the final engineering phase of work for the Village
- iv. Charlie met with the new attorney last week to discuss easements for construction and easements for operations and maintenance, the attorneys are beginning to build a template that we can use for this process to make the process as streamlined as possible. They are also working to amend the water system ordinance to include the wastewater needs as well.
- v. Construction in the village still targeted for next spring

b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion, potential board action*)

- i. Vtrans looked at the plans and returned comments: any formalized on-street parking on Main Street would require a re-classification as a Class I Town Highway (with all associated responsibilities, etc).
- ii. Charlie is trying to connect with town admin/road foreman from Richford and Fairfield to get a breakdown of their costs related to maintenance of similar infrastructure; goal to get comparable financials from local towns so that we have accurate information should the project move forward
- iii. Scott Ovitt reports concerns re: budget impacts, we would need a sidewalk machine to plow the sidewalks, there would be a need to truck snow out of the Main Street area, there are parking bans and towing concerns that would need to be managed, also manpower and night time work.

- iv. Charlie asked for feedback from the board and from Scott about thoughts about the project, if the board should continue to pursue information, or if the board should pause on this and look at moving forward with only construction of a sidewalk to connect the rec center and re-construction of existing sidewalk infrastructure (ie. no other new development). Charlie is following up with the engineers and the funding sources to determine how a scaled back plan could work

7. New Business

- a. Website Contract (*board action*)-tabled until next meeting
- b. Grange Sound System updates (*board action*)
 - i. Town Hall sound system updates, will cost approximately \$800 to repair and replace the parts to make this system functional
 - ii. Mark motioned to authorize \$800, Leann seconded, motion passes, 4-0-1
- c. Municipal flower beds, Village Green, barrels, etc. management (*board action*)
 - i. Leann motions to authorize \$2000 to continue this work, Mark seconded, motion passes 5-0-0
- d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. Mindful Bellies, dba Omakase
 - 1. Tabled to the next meeting as the paperwork was missing
- e. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
 - i. Mark motioned to approve the slate of fleet permits, Charlie seconded the motion, motion passes 4-0-0
 - ii. Beacon Sales Acquisition
 - iii. SD Ireland
 - iv. Harrison Concrete
 - v. Camp Precast Concrete
 - vi. Vaillancourt Transport
 - vii. Wind River Environmental

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

- a. Emily made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm, Mark seconded the motion, motion passes 4-0-0