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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, April 3rd 2023

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

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In Attendance: Suzanne Dollois, Charlie Hancock, Emily Kimball; Sue Wilson, Roberta Baker, Marlana Valenta via Zoom

Meeting Called to order at 6:36 pm, noted some technical difficulties that were preventing some connectivity but audio and video were available to join on Zoom. Mark Brouillette joined meeting by phone at 7:27pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Website contract discussion tabled per request of Emily
2. Review/approve minutes of the 3/20 meeting
 - a. Suzanne motioned to approve, second from Emily. No discussion, approved 3-0-0
3. Appointments
 - a. Water Commission, 3-year term
 - i. Charlie nominated Suzanne Dollois 3-0-0 motion carries, Suzanne appointed
 - b. Water Commission, 2-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Emily Kimball 3-0-0 motion carries, Emily appointed
 - c. Development Review Board, 4-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Parma Jewett 3-0-0 motion carries, Parma appointed
 - d. Development Review Board, 4-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Mark Brouillette 3-0-0 motion carries, Mark appointed
 - e. Agent to Convery Real Estate, 1-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Barry Kade 3-0-0 motion carries, Barry appointed
 - f. Budget Committee, 1-year term (5)
 - i. Suzanne moves to appoint the existing slate of Mark Brouillette, Erin Kopacz, Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Charlie Hancock motion carries, all appointed
 - g. Director Disaster/EMS Management, 1-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Greg Lucas, 3-0-0 motion carries, Greg appointed

- h. Deputy Director/EMS Management, 1-year term
 - i. Charlie nominated Doug Kopacz, 3-0-0 motion carries, Doug appointed
 - i. Health Officer, 3-year term
 - i. Appointment tabled, Sue Wilson will continue to serve until term expires 12-31-23
 - j. Animal Control Officer, 1-year term
 - i. Emily nominated Lynda Cluba, 3-0-0 motion carries, Lynda appointed
 - k. NW Solid Waste District Rep, 3-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Barry Kade, 3-0-0 motion carries, Barry appointed
 - l. Transportation Advisory Board Rep, 1-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Mark Brouillette, 3-0-0 motion carries, Mark appointed
 - m. Alt Transportation Advisory Board Rep, 1-year term
 - i. Emily nominated Leann Barnard, 3-0-0 motion carries, Leann appointed
 - n. Recreation Board, 3-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Marsha Philips, 3-0-0 motion carries, Marsha appointed
 - o. MRBA Wild and Scenic Rep, 1-year term (x2)
 - i. Suzanne nominated existing slate of Carissa Stein and Cynthia Scott, 3-0-0 motion carries, slate appointed
 - p. Community Garden Board, 1-year term (x7)
 - i. Suzanne nominated the existing slate of Remi Gratton, Wendy Howard, Genevieve Lodal-Guild, Parma Jewett, Hannah Sorenson, Cassie Krieger and Tiffany Jones 3-0-0 motion carries, slate appointed
 - q. Conservation Commission, 4-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Karen Stanley, 3-0-0 motion carries, Karen appointed
 - r. Town Newsletter Editor, 1-year term
 - i. Emily nominated Suzanne Dollois, 3-0-0 motion carries, Suzanne appointed
 - s. Inspector of Wood and Shingles, 1-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Charlie Hancock, 3-0-0 motion carries, Charlie appointed
 - t. Tree Warden, 1-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Charlie Hancock, 3-0-0 motion carries, Charlie appointed
 - u. Weigher of Coal, 1-year term
 - i. Suzanne nominated Emily Kimball, 3-0-0 motion carries, Emily appointed
4. Fence Viewing appointments will be made at the next meeting as it was not dually warned, Listers may continue in this role until the next scheduled meeting
5. Public Works
- a. Updates (*discussion*)
 - b. VTrans Grants re: culvert replacement and paving (*board action*)
 - i. Suzanne made a motion to submit the grant application for Fuller Bridge Road Emily seconded motion, 3-0-0 motion carries, Mark is authorized to submit (authorized to sign and submit away from the table), as motioned by Charlie, and seconded by Suzanne, motion carries 3-0-1 Mark abstains
 - c. VTrans letter re: center line paving (*discussion, potential board action*)
 - i. Mark will provide information to VTrans regarding centerline painting for the 2023 season

6. Visitors

- a. Marlena Valenta w/ NRPC- Municipal Energy Resilience Program (Energy and Climate Planner)
 - i. Three parts, \$4k mini grants for outreach and community engagement in an effort to increase public awareness and engagement in energy resilience. Building and General Services are urging communities to wait to apply for this until there is a project in the works. Second part of available funding for assessments of municipal buildings, grants up to \$500k to upgrade to efficient systems including heating, electric and weatherization. Every town can have at least one building assessment.
 1. Montgomery has a high energy burden which puts the town in a good place to receive funding.
 2. Charlie noted that this could be a good source of funding to look at for the PSB renovation to make efficient changes and to possibly convert to alternative heat sources for the PSB.
 3. Sue brought up the possibility to consider the Town Hall (Grange) as well.
 4. Webinar on 4/18 to provide more information through VLTC-we will work to get someone to attend this webinar though it will be recorded.

7. Old Business

- a. Municipal Wastewater Project Update (*discussion*)
 - i. \$1million in funding has been approved by the Vermont Economic Council, with this funding \$15 million of the \$16 million needed for the project has been raised through outside capital, leaving \$1million plus the usage to be paid by local option tax resulting in a cost of \$427 per year per service (1% of MHI)
 - ii. 175 easements are needed
- b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*)
 - i. VTrans has handed off feedback from selectboard to the permitting department, another meeting will occur on 4/7/23 to clarify questions—Charlie will attend to gather more information on path forward
 - ii. Tarrant, Gilles & Shems
 1. Fee structure is \$180 per hour for attorneys, \$150 per hour for legal assistants, no retainer is required
 2. Suzanne made a motion to engage with the firm by signing the municipal letter of engagement, Emily seconded. Charlie will sign the engagement letter and return it to the firm.

8. New Business

- a. Municipal Attorney Transition (*discussion, potential board action*)
 - i. Charlie Merriman has been town council for the past two decades, he is going to be retiring and has recommended that the town secure new council.
 - ii. Charlie (Hancock) reviewed conversation with Tarrant, Gillies & Shems about providing service to the community, including ongoing representation and engaging to assist with discrete project related to development of municipal wastewater system. Suzanne authorized Charlie to sign and return letter of engagement for municipal representation, seconded by Emily. Approved 3-0.

- b. Website Contract (*board action*)—Tabled until 4/17/23
 - c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. Thompson/Himes Enterprises, LLC DBA The Belfry
 - 1. Suzanne motions to approve 1st and 3rd class license, Emily seconded, 3-0-0 motion carries
 - d. Fleet Permits (*board action*)—Tabled until the next meeting on 4/17/23 to ensure review by Road Commissioner prior to approval.
 - i. Beacon Sales Acquisition
 - ii. SD Ireland
 - iii. Harrison Concrete
 - iv. Camp Precast Concrete
 - v. Vaillancourt Transport
 - vi. Wind River Environmental
9. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
10. Review Action Items for Board Members
11. Adjourn
- a. Motion to adjourn by Suzanne, seconded by Emily, 4-0-0 motion carries, meeting adjourned at 7:30pm