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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, July 17th 2023

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

In Attendance: Suzanne Dollois, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Emily Kimball, Merle VanGieson,
Lynda Cluba

Meeting Called to Order at 6:42pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. n/a
2. Review/approve minutes of the 7/3 meeting minutes
 - a. Emily motioned to amend the minutes from 7/3 to include the Zoom recording of the meeting. Suzanne motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Emily seconded. Motion passed 3-0-1.
3. Public Works - Updates (*discussion*)
 - a. Excavator working on Gibou to do some ditching, then it will go to Regan Road to work on culverts.
 - b. Culvert on Hill West was plugged up during this past storm. It has been cleared out, possibility of doing more ditching there.
 - c. Longley Bridge project set to begin on 7/24, and to be completed by October, including all of the necessary plantings.
 - d. Running the full crew of three, as of July 1st.
 - e. A few washouts as a result of the last storm, but no major damage to report.
4. Visitors (7pm)
 - a. Merle wants Delinquent Tax Collector changed on the website to Collector of Delinquent Tax. Members of the DRB are not listed on the website.
 - b. Regarding the meeting where the banners and the flags were concerned Merle questioned why the decision was made not to commit to hanging all American Flags, and reports his disappointment with the board's decision.
 - c. Merle distributed the US Flag Code: Etiquette, Rules and Guidelines as well as an article from The American Legion Magazine, July 2023.

5. Old Business

- a. n/a

6. New Business

- a. Eberle and Snedcor DRB appeal (*potential discussion – eligible for executive session (1 V.S.A 313 (a)(1) (E) – pending or probable civil litigation to which the public body is or may be a party)*)
 - i. Appeal of the DRB decision to Environmental Court. Charlie has been communicating on this matter.
 - ii. Mark motions to make Charlie Hancock the contact person for all further communications on this matter. Suzanne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
- b. Dog Officer capacity needs – Lynda Cluba (*discussion, potential board action*)
 - i. Lynda completed the census last year. She gave all of the necessary information for people to license their dogs. There is a second notice then given if people do not comply. The second notice gives 10 days and then owners are fined. Some people came in to license but refused to pay the late fees and fines. Lynda has no recourse for people who do not comply as she doesn't have a place to impound the dogs.
 - ii. In the last two weeks she has had two people drop dogs off at her house. She has had to track people down on Facebook and also had to travel to Lowell to bring a dog to the Dog Officer there.
 - iii. Going forward Lynda is going to complete the census but is not planning to issue fines as she has no way to bring people to compliance.
 - iv. Moving forward Lynda needs a place to impound dogs as she cannot bring them into her home due to a variety of reasons including disease, aggression, etc.
 - v. There needs to be more review of the ordinance with regard to the five day holding period, there needs to be vetting before a dog can be adopted out.
 - 1. We may need to have a fee structure in place for this in order to cover the costs of vetting the dogs and maintaining the dogs while they are being held.
 - vi. Emily suggested to Lynda to do a bit of research find what she might need to set up at her house to impound appropriately
 - vii. While Lynda is out of town if there is a need at her house John will call Mark
- c. Town Office Staff Contract Renewals (*adoption, signature*)
 - i. Tabled to the next meeting as the contracts are not currently available for signature
- d. Lister Resignation – Genevieve Lodal-Guild (*board action to accept resignation*)
 - i. Emily motioned to accept the resignation, Mark seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
- e. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. n/a
- f. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
 - i. n/a

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

- a. Mark will contact John Mercy to get an updated quote to review at the next meeting as the current quote was dated 6/22/23 and the price was guaranteed for only two days past the quote date. Mark will discuss with Liz plans for the renovation to make sure that the new system will meet the demands of the renovation as well.
 - b. Emily will email Charlie to follow up on the check from the Vermont Community Foundation. Check for \$2500 was issued to Montgomery Cares for Our Seniors, but they used the town tax id number which cannot be done as they are a separate organization.
 - c. Mark will follow up with Erin with regard to the Vermont Elevator Inspection Services letter to see what has been done in the past.
9. Adjourn
- a. Suzanne mentioned to adjourn, Mark seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:33.