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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, October 2nd 2023
6:30pm

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Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

In Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Emily Kimball, Suzanne Dollois and Scott Ovitt

Zoom: Dean Pierce, Sue Wilson, Merle VanGiesen

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. n/a
2. Review/approve minutes of the 9/18 meeting minutes
 - a. Leanne motioned to approve, Emily seconded, motion passed 3-0-0
3. Public Works - Updates (*discussion*)
 - a. Longley Bridge Road/Trout River work update (*discussion*)
 - i. Dean Pierce is here to give a quick overview of the project success. At this point there has been a deviation in the plans, work has moved faster than expected and there was less excavation needed than estimated due to erosion. There was more material needed to fill in the eroded area in order to preserve the streambank. There was stone intended to be used with soil on top, this has not been how the project was completed and more stone has been used in order to fill in from erosion. The projections for the slopes that were projected are off (much steeper) due to the erosion that needed to be repaired. The requisitions are at this point off because of the additional need for materials in order to complete the work. Change orders were expected to fulfill these requisitions but this process was not followed and at this point there are change orders that need to be approved retroactively. The Army Corps and VTrans have been alerted to the changes and need to approve the current status of the project before the final phase, planting, can occur. The planting has to be done between 10/15/23 and 11/15/23.
 - ii. There were engineers hired to be there every day to oversee that the project was completed to specs. In this case the engineers did not fulfill this obligation.
 - iii. At this point the town will not be paying invoices for these overages, nor will the board be approving change orders retroactively at this point.
 - b. Driveway Permit – Sorenson (*Board Action*)

- i. Submitted 9/18/23. Scott has reviewed this and there do not appear to be any problems with this application. Leanne motioned to approve the application, Suzanne seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0
 - c. Energy Audit (*discussion*)
 - i. The Energy Audit happened today. It was expedited in the schedule and was completed today. This will unlock grant funding to help upgrade town systems.
- 4. Scott Ovitt's update:
 - a. There are 8 missing road signs. The speed limit signs that were all posted on Black Falls are gone, one was painted over with black spray paint and another was replaced with a 25mph sign. Signs are very expensive.
 - b. Truck One is down, leaking coolant (2016 with 100k miles on it), it is at Allegiance Trucking and they are tearing it apart.
 - c. Truck 3 has six recalls on it. When it went in for inspection it needs new rear brakes, quotes are \$3700 (Boston Post Repair) and \$4000 from Allegiance. Scott thinks he can do this in house and save about \$1400.
 - d. Scott would like to sell the tractor and mower as well as a 20 ton equipment trailer. It will be advertised and that money will go back into the replacement fund.
- 5. Visitors (scheduled for 7pm)
 - a. n/a
- 6. Old Business
 - a. Snedcor/Eberle DRB Appeal (*update*)
 - i. Board had flagged a few items in the settlement agreement, that was presented to the landowner and this was accepted.
 - b. Discussion with regard to the safety needs and concerns as well as needs of a building through commercial use and how this is enforceable with regard to zoning by-laws.
 - c. Stanion DRB Appeal (*update, discussion*)
 - i. There was a status hearing today. Charlie was not able to join the meeting, but believes that the Stanion's may have been requesting a continuance.
 - d. Streetscape Project update (*discussion*)
 - i. Reminder: October 16th Meeting for public comment of Draft Plans
 - 1. Are we moving to a place where 98 Main Street is no longer a viable building for the town to maintain and maybe it would better serve the town as parking.
 - 2. We do not want to lose the Post Office nor do we want to see it go out of town.
 - 3. The current building that houses the post office in the village is not suitable as far as ADA compliance nor does it meet safety needs.
 - e. Wastewater Project update (*discussion*)
 - i. Pre-vetting Survey
 - 1. This is a letter that Charlie hopes to send out this week. It asks people to respond to gather information about how people are feeling about this project and helps the board to remediate issues. The pre-vetting letter was reviewed by the board and edits were suggested. This will help to inform the needs prior to the wastewater update meeting.

2. Monday, November 6th at 6pm is when this meeting will be held. Letters will be sent to landowners.
 - ii. Property Purchase status
 1. Suzanne motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:18, Leanne seconded.
 2. Motion to exit to Executive Session at 7:32 pm was made by Suzanne, seconded by Emily. Motion passed 4-0-0.
 - iii. Indirect Discharge Permit Status
 1. Working to make sure that property purchase will meet the needs of the town and that the town would not be purchasing a property that couldn't be used for this purpose.
 - iv. ARPA agreement (\$2.7M) and CWSRF loan/subsidy documents (*potential board action*)
 1. Waiting for this to be finalized.
7. New Business
- a. Montgomery Conservation Commission appointment (*board action*)
 - i. Marielle Ambrosch would like to be appointed to the board. Charlie is looking to verify the statutes as she is not a full time resident of the town.
 - b. NRCD did receive \$116,000 for the Montgomery Flood Resilience and Hazard Mitigation.
 - c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - d. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
9. Review Action Items for Board Members
10. Adjourn
- a. Suzanne motioned to adjourn, Leanne seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.