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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday, March 4th 2024

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

Zoom Recording https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/POKH14c8s5ceywrMY0WG8tcG_eJhpo4eu-F67HH4u5gx7-PXNT11S2sVZqwLgMT.c9NuUtkMft1u3UHQ

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In Attendance: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Emily Kimball, Mark Brouillette, Merle VanGieson, Craig Godfrey, Doug Kopacz

On Zoom: Suzanne Dollois

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Items added under Public Works
2. Review/approve minutes of the February 19th meeting
Motion to approve from Mark, Leanne seconded. Motion passed 5-0-0.
3. Public Works
 - a. Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. Working to keep up with the early mud season, continuing to work to mitigate mud and stay “on top of it”.
 - b. Personnel (*discussion/executive session*)
 - i. Mark motioned to enter into Ex Session, Leanne seconded. Entered into Ex Session at 7:16 pm.
 - ii. Mark motioned to release from Ex Session, Leanne seconded. Motion carried 5-0-0.
 - c. Added: Stormwater municipal roads permit due 4/1/23
 - d. Added: addendum to Black Falls Letter
 - i. Steven Stanley w/ Vtrans mtng. 3/13 @ 11:30am
 1. Black Falls and 58 will be targeted for discussion, review and having him assess on the ground.
 - ii. In the letter there was a claim that emergency services were called and were unable to respond. This was not true. This is highly problematic because this would cause problems with Department of Health as well as implicating other towns.

1. Discussion ensues, noting that this was not a mere interpretation of the letter that emergency services were needed and did not respond, but that it was not true or factual.
- iii. Charlie reads the addendum to the submitted letter. No CALL WAS MADE for emergency services.

We appreciate & value the people who are Montgomery Fire and Rescue.

We regret the interpretation of the sentence, "Last winter, one resident needed emergency transport for medical treatment and no ambulance could get up the road" to mean that Montgomery Fire and Rescue did not respond to a 911 call.

No call was made because no vehicles were coming up the road.

Our letter is directed in its entirety to invoking Title 19: Highways, Chapter 9: Repairs, Maintenance, and Improvements § 971. Defective roads and bridges; proceedings

Montgomery Chief Doug Kopacz yesterday made it clear that Montgomery Fire and Rescue is never deterred from responding to an emergency and can legally commandeer any vehicle in an emergency. For that information we are grateful.

Black Falls Road Taxpayers

ISSUE IF THIS INFO GETS TO DEPT HEALTH re: EMS LICENSURE

4. Visitors
 - a. Merle asks about the order of the Town Meeting Warning
 - b. Craig asks about the privatization of some road maintenance; Charlie is working to balance existing statute and changes that are coming. Charlie will work to understand what the statutory process.
5. Old Business
 - a. Town Meeting check-in (*discussion*)
 - i. Mark asked about the Delinquent Taxes listed on pg 30, and if they should be written as 2023 or 2024, it may be because it is fiscal year 2024 taxes that are overdue at this point.
 - ii. Liz and Genevieve have the Town Hall set up. Brent has the audio set with multiple microphones.
6. New Business
 - a. Eclipse Planning
 - i. Suzanne has been talking with Morgan Daybell and they have been discussion about the traffic concerns, with expectations of 150,000-250,000 people. All hotels are booked.
 - ii. Doug has been working with Emergency Services at the county and state level. From Depts of Health and Safety. There are places that will be closed in order to ensure that emergency services can respond. The PSB will be closed. The

parking lot will be closed to all non-emergency response personnel. There will be a landing zone set up here at the PSB.

- iii. We will have people here at the PSB to respond.
 - iv. Doug has been asked by Tom Howell from Jay Peak to contact VTrans for signage on 242 for no parking.
 - v. Jay Peak is limiting entrance to the resort to those with reservations only, but the Long Trail access is question.
 - vi. Doug will block off the driveway to the PSB and post signage.
 - vii. Charlie is asking the road crew to post “Local Traffic Only” signage on all class 3 roads.
 - viii. Charlie will reach out to the Rec Center with regard to closing that road. The RiverWalk is also of concern that people end up parking in the fields.
- b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. *Lantern Holding LLC: First Class/Third Class/Outside Consumption Permit*
 - 1. Leanne motions to approve the motion, Emily seconded, motion passed 5-0-0.
 - c. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
 - i. N.A. Manosh
 - ii. Consolidated Communications
 - 1. Mark reviewed the permits and made a motion to approve the slate. Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0-0.

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn from Mark, seconded by Leanne, motion passed 5-0-0, meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.