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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, May 20th, 2024 - 6:30pm
Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)
View Recording:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJOND3ae4cw&list=PLrBf_FpjKbwfEaWJpu2SQpRbwmpNnDp9W&index=1

Attendees: Suzanne Dollois, Emily Kimball, Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard

Visitors: Roberta Baker, Merle Van Gieson, Tosca Smith, Aron Brophy

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda. No changes.
2. Review/approve minutes of the May 6th meeting. Suzanne approved, Leanne 2nd, Mark abstained, approved 3-0-1
3. Public Works
 - a. Updates: (discussion) Ditching done on Black Falls, West Hill, before getting to the top of Hill West, grader is using a gallon of antifreeze per hour, CAT is coming out to check the radiator Tuesday or Wednesday, hoping to grade a few more times, almost time for Chloride, then will continue to grade when necessary, ditches still need work...may have to Chloride before the crowning of the roads because of dust.
 - b. Future Strategic Planning: (discussion) Charlie, Mark, Scott, Dave met and discussed future plans, have to find another location for FY25 Better Back Roads Grant, Charlie has a draft and will send it out later in the week, a thought is to send out a report every other week, via the town website, to inform residents of where and when ditching, etc. will be happening or where it already has happened. Roberta voiced concerns about the road crew having enough time to get everything done and asked about an easy way to communicate with the crew about any pop-up issues.
 - c. Generator Maintenance Agreement: (board action) Table until next meeting
 - d. Fire Hydrants: Four need replacement, Mark has scheduled these to be done in July while school is not in session. The hydrant at the Rec. Center needs to be totally replaced. Mark will follow up with the insurance company.
 - e. Regan Road Power Project: Teresa Begnoche will be signing the easement so work can begin ASAP.
4. Visitors: Roberta asked about the berm at the end of her road, Mark says it is next on the job list.

Merle is wondering about putting church services on ZOOM, is it a yearly contract. Google has a free platform, Google Meets for unlimited time frames and it is recordable. Roberta gave Merle the info.

Merle also questions why he was appointed to the DRB when his term doesn't expire until 2025. Please correct this. Did the board request an estimate for mold removal from the old Town Office Building? Can we get a commitment from the Postal Service to move back into the building? Suzanne reminded that there has been extensive communication with the postal service, and that there has to be equally extensive work to be done on that building to make it a viable space. Merle asks again why we want curbs and does not understand what safety issues exist while keeping the curbs as they are. Merle claims there are many more reasons to not fix the curbs. Emily reminded Merle to check out the plans/conceptual designs on the website and send in any written requests/criticisms. A larger discussion ensued with the group.

Aron is concerned about the effects of sap trucks on our back roads. Charlie is working on a letter to the owner/operators to open up a large discussion which will be opened up as a warned meeting for citizens' input.

5. Old Business

- a. Municipal Wastewater Update (*discussion*) Engineers have to make 92 borings, but if they hit a water line, Montgomery will be responsible for repairs. Mark asked to be informed before any borings in case any markings have been moved by residents.
- b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*) Emily reminded everyone to check the town website to review the plans. Charlie and Bethany are submitting a grant application to the Active Transportation Infrastructure Investment Program to see if there are monies available.

6. New Business

- a. Town Hall Committee: Tosca explained the fee schedule and which entities are exempt.
 - i. Review/Acceptance of Rental Contract Changes and Proposed Fee Schedule (*discussion, board action*) Use of the kitchen will be added on at a later date. Mark motioned to accept the Town Hall Committee's Policy, Leanne 2nd, vote is unanimous to accept the policy.
- b. July 4th Parade Authorization (*board action*) Mark made a motion to authorize the 4th of July Parade on Routes 242 and 118 in the town of Montgomery, Suzanne 2nd, unanimous vote to accept.
- c. Financial Controls Office Appointment (*board action*) Suzanne nominated Beth Crane to serve as the new Financial Controls Officer. Unanimous vote in favor of Beth's appointment.
- d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*) None
- e. Fleet Permits (*board action*) Mark made a motion to accept all Fleet Permits as a slate, Suzanne 2nd, unanimous vote in favor:
 - i. FW Whitcomb Construction
 - ii. David Gaudette Trucking
 - iii. Cardinal Logistics Group

Final motion to accept the removal of the language regarding the Town Hall from the Municipal Buildings and Facilities Policy made by Mark, 2nd by Suzanne, unanimous vote in favor.

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
8. Review Action Items for Board Members
9. Adjourn Mark made the motion to adjourn, Suzanne 2nd, unanimous vote in favor.