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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Tuesday, September 3rd 2024
6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

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In Attendance: Suzanne Dollois, Charlie Hancock, Emily Kimball, Leanne Barnard, Walter Knight, Roberta Baker, Brent Godin, Daniel Khan, Clifford Loos, Peter Locher, Paul Nichols, Merle VanGieson, Theresa Almy, Mike Sarnacki, Josh Howard, Alan Donna, Josh Edelson, Diem-Chi Nguyen, Abe Barnard, Brad Elliott, Chris Pattullo

On Zoom: Sue Wilson, Barbara Peck, Larry Letourneau, Kim Morrill, Mary Deuso, Lori Johnson, Arnold Mercy, Marijke Dollois, Jesse Wyman

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. N/A
2. Review/approve minutes of the August 19th regular meeting
 - a. Leanne motioned to approve the minutes, Suzanne seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.
3. Public Works
 - a. Municipal Wastewater Project
 - i. Updates/Discussion (*discussion*)
 1. Revisiting concerns raised in Sarnacki correspondence received 8/21/24
 - a. Mike Sarnacki, second homeowner with property in the Center, outlined concerns voiced in the above-referenced letter, and asked that the project be put back before voters.
 - b. Discussion ensued with Charlie responding to various points raised by Mike; other board members also provided response to concerns raises; community members present them provided public comment on the topic.
 - c. At the close of discussion Charlie asked whether there was a formal motion by any board member to bring the project back before the voters at this time. Hearing none, and at the request of some present for a formal action, Charlie moved to not hold a special town meeting to re-vote on the project (though it remains unclear what the actual question being asked would be); Leanne

seconded the motion. Motion carried 2-1-1 (Charlie and Leanne yea, Suzanne nay, Emily abstaining). Since question was not a warned item on the agenda, this action would require ratification at a future meeting,

- d. Voters were advised of the petition process available to them, should they wish to pursue it.
- ii. Center Pump Station Property Acquisition (*update-pending action on P&S*)
 - 1. The property for the pump station, 1.76 acres on Main St., has been appraised at a value of \$12,500. The town has reached an agreement with the owner for a sale price of \$10,000. A P&S Agreement is being put together and will be brought back before the board for action.
- iii. Amendment #10 Loan/Subsidy Approval (*board action*)
 - 1. The loan agreement to cover the cost of required column testing at the dispersal fields (per required Engineering Service Agreement Amendment) was motioned for approval by Suzanne, Leanne seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0-0.
- b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*)
 - i. No update
- c. General Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. Municipal Grants in Aid reimbursement status/FY25 GIA location selection
 - 1. All paperwork has been submitted
 - ii. Regan Road Power Project (*update*)
 - 1. Power is in, waiting for a structure to be built in order to house the communications equipment
 - iii. West Hill Brook work (*update*)
 - 1. Dredging work is to be completed by the state following the permit from the DEC

4. Visitors

- a. Theresa reports that the paved section of Hazen's Notch Road has some erosion that needs to be addressed. She was asked to email the town crew to describe what is happening and give the exact location.
- b. Roberta asked about road grading and reports damage from rain that needs to be addressed
- c. Cliff Loos reports that the state statute about signage on state roads is not being followed (re: political candidate signs, specifically re: the village green) and was advised to report this to the state and to make people aware that if their signs that are in violation of the statute may be removed by the state. He asked that the board create a town policy regarding signage on town property.
- d. Merle reports that the MCC tax exemption information is all available online. He also reports that he discussed the streetscape curbing with the engineers and questions the purpose of the curbing in the streetscape design.

5. Old Business

- a. Town Hall Committee - Food Shelf relocation (*update*)
 - i. N/A
- b. TDBank ATM (*update/discussion*)

- i. TD Bank will be installing a new ATM at 98 Main due to the old machine constantly failing. They are aware of the projected changes to the 98 Main property and will be providing ideas for stand alone ATM options. Discussion ensued about possibly polling the community to see if it is TD Bank that best meets the needs of the community.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—none
 - b. Fleet Permits (*board action*)—none
- 7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
- 8. Review Action Items for Board Members
- 9. Adjourn
 - a. Emily motioned to adjourn, Suzanne seconded. Motion passed 4-0-0.