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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday October 21st 2024

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Charlie, Mark, Leanne, Suzanne

Visitors: Chris Patullo, Robert Gilmore, Larry Letourneau, Merle VanGiesen, Tosca Smith

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Addition: 3.c.iii Longley Bridge Project; 6.a. Lister Vacancy
2. Review/approve minutes of the October 7th meeting
 - a. Mark makes a motion to approve the minutes of October 7th as written. Suzanne seconds. Charlie offers friendly amendment: clarification that Greg Lucas has not resigned as Director of Emergency Management; also that there was discussion of Lister vacancy during meeting, but no action was made. 4-0
3. Public Works
 - a. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*); Digsafe has expired and needs to be re-addressed with regard to the scope of the boreings; scheduled for late December or later.
 - b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*) ; no updates
 - c. General Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. Regan Road Power Project – construction of building (*board action*); \$2,000-3,000 for a pre-build plus \$1,000 for cement pad; further improvements, insulation, etc to be performed by Montgomery crew. Mark makes a motion to 6x6 building for storage tank Communications Building not to exceed \$4,000 from the ARPA funds. Leanne seconds.
 - ii. Truck Repair Status(s); Truck 1, new beam has been repaired; Truck 2, engine issue has been resolved. All trucks are repaired and running. Purchase of new truck necessary for next round of Budget considerations.
 - iii. Longley Bridge Road Project: Plantings that were installed. Army Corps of Engineers questioning the longevity of the Willows that were planted. Need to extend the agreement with NRPC Grant Manager (non-billing related to this

agreement) and John Turner Consulting Engineering Firm (sign-off at the end of any planting success). No expenditure needed from Town, simply must extend existing agreements in order to allow the time for plants to either establish or be replanted. Mark makes a motion to collectively extend the contracts with John Turner Consulting and NRPC honored before December 21st, 2025. Leanne seconds. 4-0.

4. Visitors

- a. Bob Gilmore: Almost sold out of Montgomery “In The Middle of the Mountain.” Bob is developing a traveler information website to the NEK & Montgomery. Changes: Crystal Falls (Creamery Bridge) is now closed to the public; Trout River at the bottom of the Hazens Notch Road trail potential. Proposes: trail “Trout River Scenic Trail” to provide continuous view and walking path that would include maintaining/grooming the banks of the river to allow for viewing and safety. Barry Domina would consider selling his parcel to enable access, and the MCC/MCA would need to grant access permission.
 - i. Concerns around budgeted controls to maintain the property and keep it clean, safe, accessible, parking, etc.

5. Old Business

- a. Town Hall Committee status (*update/discussion*)
 - i. Building Use Policy updates/Fee Schedule
 - ii. Tosca states that the basement is not a useable/for-rent space for events without THC representative present
 - iii. Electrician is scheduled to do the wiring for the space
 - iv. What is the trajectory for the collective work of Montgomery Smiles and Town Hall Committee; separation of entities that overlap with the THC
- b. Food Shelf (Full Heart Kitchen) use agreement; distributed to SB for consideration. No action at this time; feedback to be provided
 - i. Should be considered as a town asset (but not a town entity) within the space and will operate without rent for that reason
- c. Question re: Collector of Delinquent Taxes office compatibility (*discussion*)
 - i. Can a school director serve as Collector? Decision pending response from legal counsel. Will she still be able to serve on the Budget Committee either?

6. New Business

- a. Lister Vacancy: Merle offers Kenny Miller. Mark makes a motion to appoint Kenny Miller to the vacant seat of Board of Listers until Town Meeting Day. Leanne seconds. 4-0.
- b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—Mark makes a motion to approve Stewarts 2nd Class Tobacco and Tobacco Substitute License. Leanne seconds. 4-0.
- c. Fleet Permits (*board action*)—none

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn. Mark makes a motion to adjourn. Leanne seconds. 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.