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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday November 4th 2024

6:30pm

Town Office Conference Room (86 Mountain Road)

View Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pwg8mGukHPI>

Present: Mark Brouillette, Suzanne Dollois, Leanne Barnard

Visitors: Scott Ovitt, Tosca Smith, Roberta Baker, Theresa Almay, Bob Guilmore, Larry Letourneau, Merle VanGiesen

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Mark adds Amp Electric estimate for upgrading Town Hall panel to Public Works
2. Review/approve minutes of the October 7th meeting
 - a. Leanne makes a motion to approve the minutes from October 7th as written. Suzanne seconds. Approved 3-0.
3. Public Works
 - a. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*) – no update, carry over
 - b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*) – no update, carry over
 - c. General Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. Regan Road Power Project – construction of building (*board action*)
 1. Building has been ordered; should arrive within a few weeks.
 - ii. Truck Repair Status(s)
 1. Both trucks are fixed and in use
 2. Grader went down last week due to no oil pressure. Upon review by CAT, possible diagnosis of cracked head gasket and deterioration of oil pump tubing.
 - Town of Enosburg has rented their old grader to us for temporary use.
 - Estimate pending for rebuilt/replaced motor, necessary transmission work per recommendation from CAT. Expecting 100k plus cost to repair, 4-6 months to complete the work.
 - Scott has sent out a request for quote for the lease of a new Grader.
 - Montgomery grader is 20 years old and the town might benefit from an upgrade if the budget allows for it.
 3. Town Hall Electric Panel
 - a. Tosca submits an estimate for work from Amp Electric to upgrade the Main Panel.
 - Breaker box was deemed insufficient for the current uses

- Recommends installation of a separate unit with six 20-amp outlets for dedicated building uses
- upgrade will accommodate the heat pump and car charger (Town Hall Committee recommends removal of car charger)
- Suzanne makes a motion to approve the Amp Electric estimate in the amount not to exceed \$1,470. Leanne seconds. Approved 3-0.
- b. Tosca requests consideration of municipal funds to replace the stair railings on the front of the Town Hall. Submits estimate for consideration. No action taken.

4. Visitors

- a. Theresa expresses concern about route 58 road edges along the black top portion of the road. Scott assures that repairs and side-dressing work is scheduled for that section of road within the next two weeks.
- b. Roberta inquires about use of the new chipper to clean up the debris along roadsides. Mark affirms that the chipper has already been in use and continued efforts to mulch tree debris are scheduled.
-zoom access is acquired following resolution of technical difficulties and online attendees are recognized-
- c. Larry asks for review of grader discussion. Mark explains the details and verifies that a log book has been maintained regarding road crew maintenance to the vehicles and reasonable regular maintenance is performed on town vehicles and equipment.
- d. Merle asks for the online municipal directory to be updated reflecting the appointment of Kenny Miller to the Lister seat.
- e. Bob addresses previous proposal re: 58 swimming hole access. Insofar as insurance is concerned, the Evergreen Foundation received a quote from their insurance company to add the site the existing policy at an estimated rate of \$800 annually to be paid by the Foundation. This would include all 3 proposed parcels; however Barry Domina has retracted his consideration to subdivide or sell his portion of proposed access property, so efforts are now being reconfigured towards the land associated with the MCA.
 - i. Bob asks furthermore to be allowed to groom the road-side/river-side land along the lower section of route 58 to allow for scenic views of the river. Mark recommends he speak first with the ANR regarding any proposed clearing or maintenance before the Select Board will consider any proposal on the matter.

5. Old Business

- a. Town Hall Committee status (*update/discussion*)
 - i. Building Use Policy updates/Fee Schedule – no updates, carry over
- b. Food Shelf (Full Heart Kitchen) use agreement – no updates, carry over
- c. Question re: Collector of Delinquent Taxes office compatibility (*discussion*)
 - i. Katherine Barnard has opted to resign from the School Board and the Budget Committee, thus eliminating any conflict. She is now cleared to serve as the Collector of Delinquent Taxes.

6. New Business
 - a. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)—Heimbecker LLC, DBA: Sylvester’s Market, 2nd Class License/Tobacco Endorsements
 - i. Leanne makes a motion to accept the 2nd Class License for Heimbecker LLC. Suzanne seconds. 3-0.
 - b. Fleet Permits (*board action*)—none
7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
8. Review Action Items for Board Members
9. Adjourn
 - a. Suzanne makes a motion to adjourn. Leanne seconds. 3-0. Meeting adjourns at 7:26PM.