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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday February 17th 2025

6:30pm

Town Office (86 Mountain Road)

View Recording:

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NWATV:

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In attendance:

Board: Charlie Hancock, Mark Brouillette, Leanne Barnard, Suzanne Dollois

Visitors: Chris Patullo, Mike Sarnaki, Merle VanGiesen, Larry Letourneau, Gaby Lumbr, Josh Howard

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

- a. Public Works: Add Community Bank Loan docs
- b. Personnel, PC Zoning Admin review
- c. New Business: question from THC on community potluck

2. Review/approve minutes of the February 3rd meeting

- a. 5.a.1. Charlie makes a motion to address language as written to amend the remainder of the sentence to stop at "...with past." striking the remainder of the sentence to avoid any confusion. Mark seconds. 4-0.

3. FNRDC Flood Resilience and Hazard Mitigation Study (*presentation/discussion*) -no longer applicable-

4. Public Works

- a. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*)
→ Town received a letter of support from Gov. Phil Scott expressing support for the municipal wastewater project. **Attached.**
- b. Streetscape Project Update (*discussion*) -none-
- c. Certificate of Highway Mileage (*board action*)
→ Annually filed document to submit with the State. Mark makes a motion to sign the Certificate of Highway Mileage for 2025. Mileage has not changed. Leanne seconds. -0.

- d. Compliance Cert for Town Road and Bridge Standards (*board action*)
→ States that we are continuing to do our maintenance and repairs to State standards and our inventory is up to date. Mark makes a motion to sign the Certificate of Compliance for Road and Bridge Standards for 2025. Leanne seconds, 4-0.
- e. Annual Financial Plan TA-60 budget (*board action*)
→ Cannot be approved until after Town Meeting for Budget numbers reflections.
- f. Annual Financial Plan (*board action*)
→ n/a
- g. General Updates (*discussion*)
→ Mark will re-submit the paving Grant to assure that we are still approved for that funding.
- h. Community Bank loan paperwork for loan in the amount of \$165,047 for purchase of 2022 Truck
- i. Grader returns tomorrow with a brand new engine and will mount the wing and get after snow banks this week.

5. Visitors

→ Chris: asks for a copy of the list of questions in order to have his specific questions included in the FAQ.

→ Mike: *what is the anticipated format for the public hearings?* Charlie explains that they will be hosted in the Town Hall; audio/visual is pending due to building environment; hearing will be opened, author of petition will present within roughly 5-10 minutes, floor opens to discussion and questions. *Mike asks for 15 minutes for the initial presentation period.* Charlie expresses that the format tends towards a conversational nature for the meeting with back-and-forth Q&A without speaking over each other or for prolonged periods. *Mike asks for a moderator to be present. Mike asks if the Town attorney and project engineer will be present?* Charlie expresses that these individuals will be asked for their presence, hopefully at least remotely.

→ Larry: suggests that per the Town Meeting rule that there is a 10 minute limit, perhaps to be applied at the hearings. *Will Town meeting day be virtually accessible?* Per accessibility regulations there will be some version of question opportunity for non-present community members, but exactly how is yet to be determined due to the limitations of audio capacity of the building.

6. Old Business

- a. Hazard Mitigation Plan (update/discussion)
→ Ranking of hazard matrix was discussed at the meeting, addressing the scale of importance within the plan. Next meeting tentatively Monday, March 3rd at 5:30PM.
- b. Zoning Admin performance review.

7. New Business

- a. FY26 Emergency Communication Dispatch Contract with the City of St. Albans
→ Annual Fee \$17,420 already included in the municipal budget. This is a must-pay, no negotiation options; therefore Mark makes a motion to sign the FY26 Emergency Communication Dispatch Contract. Leanne seconds. 4-0.

- b. Certificate of No Appeal/Suit Pending (via Listers) (*board action*)
→ Mark makes a motion to sign the Certificate of No Appeal/Suit Pending.
Leanne seconds. 4-0.
- c. THC requests serving by-donation Turkey and Biscuits following Town Meeting.
Board approves.
- c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
 - i. Darlyn Inc 1st & 3rd class, outside consumption
 - ii. John Boucher 3rd class→Mark makes a motion to approve the collective slate of Liquor/Tobacco license applications. Leanne seconds. 4-0.
- d. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
 - i. Jack Corse
 - ii. Newport Sand & Gravel/Carroll Concrete
 - iii. RG Gosselin/Gosselin Water Wells Inc→Mark makes a motion to approve the collective slate of fleet permits.
Leanne seconds. 4-0.
- e. Leanne makes a motion to enter into executive session to discuss the Zoning Administrator Performance review. Mark seconds. 4-0. Board enters into EC at 7:15PM. Leanne makes a motion to exit the executive session. Mark seconds. 4-0.
→Mark makes a motion to accept the Performance Review of the Zoning Administrator as submitted by the Planning Commission. Leanne seconds. 4-0.

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn.

→Mark makes a motion to adjourn. Leanne seconds. 4-0. Adjourned at 7:24PM.

Reminders

- Public Hearings re: Charter Amendment – Thrs February 27th and Thrs. March 6th @ 6pm •
Tim Smith w/ FCIDC to attend April 21st meeting @ 6:30pm
- Community Dinner at the school on Tuesday, February 25th at 5:30pm to discuss the School Budget.

Minutes written and submitted by Suzanne Dollois.

PHILIP B. SCOTT
GOVERNOR



State of Vermont
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

February 14, 2025

Charlie Hancock, Chair
Montgomery Select Board
Town of Montgomery
P.O. Box 356
Montgomery Center, VT 05471

Dear Chair Hancock:

Investing in water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure strengthens our communities, and is essential for long-term economic vitality.

The proposed wastewater project in Montgomery will help support a vibrant local economy by making sure everyone has access to clean water, helping local businesses succeed, encouraging investment to renovate existing buildings, providing families and workers with housing, and improving affordability, all while protecting our environment.

Right now, we have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to use federal, COVID-era funds to make these investments at a minimal cost to locals. I hope the people who live in Montgomery will continue to support this important project, which will benefit the community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip B. Scott", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Philip B. Scott
Governor

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