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Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday April 21st 2025
6:30pm
Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
View Recording: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrBf_FpjKbwcSJm_gBqfFSmPGaVWJXBB7

Present: Charlie Hancock, Daniel Kahn, Mark Brouillette (board); Visitors: Tosca Smith, Theresa Almay, Larry Letourneau (via zoom)

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
    a. Remove Tim Smith from agenda due to scheduling conflict; will look to reschedule for later date

2. Review/approve minutes of the April 7th regular meeting

    a. Mark moved to approve the minutes of the April 7th meeting as written; seconded by Daniel; approved 3-0

3. Public Works
    a. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*)
        i. Easement letters have been mailed; individual follow-up with landowners in process
        ii. USDA RD Staffing update – staffing reductions at NH/VT USDA Rural Development has resulted in loss of key contacts. Replacement principal contacts for project pending.
        iii. Daniel moved to waive recording fees associated with Wastewater Easements; seconded by Mark; approved 3-0 (note – this is an administrative action to negate need for Town to 'pay itself').

    b. Streetscape Project Updates (*discussion*) - no updates at this time

    c. General Updates *(discussion)*
        i. Grading in progress; Regan Road and 58 completed. Sweeping is done. Targeting full grading completed (1st round) by end of week, weather dependent.

4. Visitors
    ~~a. Tim Smith - Executive Director FCIDC~~ (removed)

b. Tosca introduced quotes on behalf of the Town Hall Committee re: railings and misc. interior repairs.
    i. Daniel moved to adopt Mark II Metal quote for $8,000 and Happy Bearded Carpenter for $5,750 to come from Bldg Capital Improv Fund w/ listed deposit amounts to be issues promptly; seconded mark; approved 3-0
    ii. Tosca noted that the elevator has been repaired; TH committee is seeking multiple quotes for eventual full replacement if/when needed
    iii. Tosca discussed raised bed at PSB w/ Heartful Kitchen and LEAPs (received grant)
    iv. Larry made the board aware of a Vtrans grant re: covered bridges; town should look into it

5. Old Business
    a. Local Option Tax changes update (*discussion*)
        i. The LOT is subject to a certification process of the Tax Dept. Voters authorized the change as of April 1 – which tells the Tax Dept that the state is not authorized to make the change before that date.
        ii. Tax Dept has informed the Town that they will not made the changes until October 1st due to internal process (***which is out of the Town's control***). Letters from the Tax dept will be mailed to local businesses.

    b. Hazard Mitigation Plan update (*discussion*) – no updates at this time

    c. Town Hall Committee – Building Repairs (*discussion/potential board action*)
        i. Ratification of elevator quote changes - Mark moved to amend approval from $3,000 from the Building Capital Improvement Fund to $3,560; seconded by Daniel; approved 3-0
    d. Appointment of NW CUD Representative (*board action*)
        i. Mark nominated Doug Kopacz; no other nominations were made. Doug appointed, 3-0
    e. PSB/Town Office Renovation update (*discussion*) – Charlie provided update: NE Structural Engineering (Brian) wrapping up design work on the vault now; pending some info from Michael (architect) and David Pratt (Millbrook, GC).

    f. Delinquent Tax Collection update (*discussion*) –

- Total Delinquent Tax reported as of 12/31/24: $205,012.98
- Delinquent Tax Collected 1/1/25 - 4/14/25: $68,781.66
- Total Delinquent Tax reported as of 4/14/25: $142,151.79 (includes payments received plus additional interest assessed)

Of the 12 parcels that are 2 or more years delinquent:
- 6 are now on payment plans
- 3 have either made partial payments and/or are working on establishing payment plans
- 3 have made no contact or payments and I am working with Attorney Mike Gawne to start the tax sale process.

Of the remaining properties that are 1 year delinquent, about 50% have made partial or monthly payments.

6. New Business
    a. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses *(board action)*
        i. 1st & 3rd Class License for Thompson/Himes DBA The Belfry
            1. Motion to approve by Daniel; seconded by Mark; approved 3-0
    b. Fleet Permits *(board action)*
        i. Suncommon
        ii. Vaillancourt Transport
        iii. Gaudette's Excavating
        iv. Endless Tracks
            1. Mark moved to approved the slate as presented; seconded by Daniel; approved 3-0
7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
8. Review Action Items for Board Members
9. Adjourn
    a. Motion to adjourn by Mark; seconded by Daniel; approved 3-0
    b. Meeting adjourned at 7:11pm