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MINUTES
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday July 21st 2025

6:30pm

Town Office (86 Mountain Road)

View Recording:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LaM4ZNtt1ko&list=PLrBf_FpjKbwfEaWJpu2SQpRbwmpNnDp9W&index=1

Present: Charlie Hancock, Suzanne Dollois, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Dan Khan

Visitors: Theresa Almy, Bob Gillmore, Roberta Baker

Zoom: Larry Letourneau,

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. 5.a. For temporary removal to acquire additional material
2. Review/approve minutes of the June 16th, June 25th, July 7th and July 14th meetings
 - a. Dan makes a motion to approve the minutes of June 16th. Suzanne seconds. 3-0-2 (Leanne, Mark abstain)
 - b. Mark makes a motion to approve the minutes from June 25th. Dan seconds. 3-0-2 (Suzanne, Leanne abstain)
 - c. Mark makes a motion to approve the minutes from July 7th. Suzanne seconds. 3-0-2 (Dan, Leanne abstain)
 - d. Dan makes a motion to approve the minutes of July 14th. Mark seconds. 4-0-2 (Leanne abstains)
3. Public Works
 - a. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*)
 - finalizing the securing of easements, all but 3 owners have been contacted. Still working on the details of accommodating property details.
 - draft indirect discharge permit to be released in the next few weeks for drip dispersal field. Will go out for public comment at that time.
 - potential for a minimum of 1 property that will require court action due to inability to contact the owner.
 - b. Streetscape Project Updates (*discussion*) → no updates at this time.
 - c. Water System
 - i. Repairs/Hydrants (*discussion*)
 - permit from VTRANS for ROW to be returned this week, scheduled for the week of the 28th. Users will be notified of shut-off.

- 4 hydrant replacements scheduled
 - ii. System Operation/Operator (*discussion*)
 - seeking out prospective position proposals for combined System Operator and the proposed wastewater system manager: Simon Operations, H2O Innovation, Vermont Utility Management Systems
 - d. Municipal Grants in Aid adoption FY26 (*board action*)
 - \$29,000 for road work funded through the State: Amidon Road improvements, 20% match; Mark makes a motion to adopt the FY26 Grants in Aid. Dan seconds. 5-0.
 - e. General Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. Road Crew Vacancy
 - applications still being received, interviews to be scheduled presently
 - Hill West work to be starting on Wednesday, July 23rd to start ditching and brush clearing; was delayed due to rain washouts on other roads.
4. Visitors
- Larry:
- Town report expenses Line 42, is ambulance service included in that amount? *Charlie responds that he does believe ambulance service was included.* This is in reference to the letter received from Enosburg Ambulance regarding annual membership fee. *Charlie will follow up regarding the terms of the municipal contract and how that relates to the membership.*
- Wondering about the state of the video from 6/16 at 48:10 that was previously posted with inaccurate recording. *The Board had been notified the corrections were made, but will review and circle back.*
- Who's doing the ditch cleaning? *Mark responds: John Nutting.* Larry is pleased with the work.
- Bob Guillmore:
- Returns to discuss the clearing and maintenance of the roadside brush and trees along lower Hazens Notch road to open up the view. Generally positive response from proximal homeowners regarding the project, except those relative to properties that are in close proximity to the swimming hole who are concerned about further attraction of swimming-hole traffic or that own property on the river-side concerned with yard-privacy. Bob proposes respecting not clearing the higher area where concerns were raised, and to provide privacy screen vegetation for the river-side property. *Charlie will review the vegetation with Bob from his Tree Warden position as a preliminary step.*
- Theresa:
- Does not agree with Bob's idea due to the potential for compounding the traffic issue that already exists at that spot.
- The sign that was placed was effective, but was stolen. What are next steps? *Possibility of painting the speed limit on the road itself?*
- Re: the circumstances surrounding the Wastewater project petition vote. Expresses her frustrations with certain actions that were taken that she felt were offensive and unethical.
- Roberta:

Re: Bob supports the concern about parking becoming a further issue if Bob's project goes through.

Follow up on Hill West work and expresses concern around washout and vegetation overgrowth. *Work scheduled to start on Wednesday to address the issues.*

5. Old Business

a. ~~Lister Appointment~~ ~~Lister Framework Discussion~~ (*potential board action*)

6. New Business

a. Errors and Omissions Certificate (PVR-4261-E) re: Grand List (*board action*)
→ This is re: the utilities reappraisal that affected the Grand List for filing purposes; Dan makes a motion to adopt and sign the Errors and Omissions Certificate. Leanne seconds. 5-0.

b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)

c. Fleet Permits (*board action*)

i. Beacon Sales Acquisition

ii. Consolidated Communications

iii. McElwain Contracting LLC.

→ Mark makes a motion to approve the slate of Fleet Permits. Leanne seconds. 5-0.

7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

8. Review Action Items for Board Members

9. Adjourn

→ Mark makes a motion to adjourn. Dan seconds. 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:34PM.