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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday January 5th 2026

6:30pm

Town Office (86 Mountain Road)

Recording:

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Present: Charlie, Suzanne, Leanne, Mark

Visitors: Pat Calecas, Greta Brunswick, Emily Kloffft, Barry Kade, Roberta Baker

Zoom: Mike Sarnaki, Diane Sherman, Peter Locher

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Change agenda date to 2026, not 2025
 - b. Add – USDA Rabies Management
 - c. Table minutes due to oversight of public posting; to be approved next meeting
 - d. Spare snowplow for Ford 550 Truck
2. Review/approve minutes of the December 15th meeting - *tabled*
3. Greta Brunswick, Northwest Regional Planning Commission re: Future Land Use Maps and potential Tier 1A/1B status (*discussion*)
 - a. Regional Plan maps are consistent with Town Regional Planning maps that are adopted as part of the Regional Plan. Includes the Land Use Review Board (new Board). When the Montgomery Regional Plan is approved, will designate Center, Village, and planned growth areas will determine State designations. Currently Montgomery has 2 Center designations, which will be designated forthcoming with these changes and set based on the Regional Land Use map. Municipalities can choose to opt in to ACT 250 projects (tier 1B) specifically for housing projects of 50 units or less on 10 acres or less, meeting the criteria determined by Zoning and subdivision regulations. Currently, Montgomery does not have subdivision regulations, so amendments to the Town Plan would be necessary for that criteria. Most of the State is Tier 2 (aligned with current determinations). Tier 1B is specific to housing, eligible as mapped. Tier 1A are larger areas mapped for “planned growth” areas: tends to be larger than Montgomery with more established infrastructure (e.g. Enosburg, Richford).

4. Public Works

- a. Municipal Wastewater Project Updates (*discussion*) – *no updates at this time, still waiting on the STEP III (bidding and construction) WW engineering services. Discharge permit still pending.*
- b. Streetscape Project Updates (*discussion*)
 - i. Review revised timeline
 - 1. Pushing permitting out until after project funding is secured
 - 2. Probably can't clear ROW in time for July '26 Bike/Ped (spring 2026 application); earliest application in '27, hearing back August '27, bid project '28. This conflicts with the (already) extended NBRC grant deadlines from the '22 award.
 - ii. NBRC Funding re-obligation decision
 - 1. NBRC awarded in 2022, requiring multiple extensions (most recently re: NEPA clearance); construction likely not beginning until spring 2028.
 - 2. Updated criteria looks like Montgomery could qualify for 20% match, as opposed to 50% for an FY26 application
 - a. 2026 Spring Round Key Dates for the Catalyst Program:
 - b. Pre-applications and Waivers Due: By 5:00 PM EST on February 27, 2026
 - c. Full Applications (by invitation only) Due: by 5:00 PM EST on April 17, 2026
 - 3.
 - iii. Plan: Fund and pursue ROW clearance summer 2026. **Cost of around \$60k** – address in Budget Committee as it relates to Infrastructure Replacement Reserve Account
 - iv. Mark makes a motion to de-obligate and return the 2022 NBRC Award subject to the Streetscapes project. Leanne seconds. 4-0.
- c. Water System (*discussion as needed*)
 - i. Mark is looking to circle back to SOS and transition away from the Water System.
- d. General Updates
 - i. **Added:** Spare snowplow for Ford 550 Truck from Avery's. Slightly wider than existing, but could be an asset. Asking \$5,000. Mark and Scott recommend purchase, as funded by Machine Replacement Fund.
→ Charlie makes a motion to purchase the spare plow for the 550 in the amount of \$5,000 to come out of the Machinery Replacement Fund. Suzanne seconds. 4-0.

5. Visitors
 - Barry: offers resignation this March from NWSWD as Town representative. Has prepared a resolution for consideration at Town Meeting and provides it to the Select Board.
 - Mike: asking about the water system pressure near his house, and if that is an issue of concern. *Mark responds that the problem has been addressed and should be resolved going forward.*
6. Old Business
 - a. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption (*board action*)
 - Mark makes a motion to adopt the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan from 2025.
 - Leanne seconds. 4-0.
 - b. Short Term Rental Ordinance (*discussion/action pending PC revisions*) - *tabled*
 - c. PSB Renovation Project update (*discussion*) - *tabled*
7. New Business
 - a. Budget Committee Dates: are warned starting tomorrow on 1/6/26, followed by a Monday/Tuesday schedule excluding MLK day on zoom.
 - b. Reschedule MLK day meeting for final Monday of 1/26/26
 - c. **Added:** USDA Rabies Management Form for signature to authorize trapping and testing on Town lands and roads as needed in response to action plans. Mark makes a motion to adopt this Management Plan. Leanne seconds. 4-0.
 - d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*) - none
 - e. Fleet Permits (*board action*) - none
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. Meeting adjourned at 7:47PM.