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Minutes of the  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION

Monday April 6<sup>th</sup> 2026

6:30pm

Town Office (86 Mountain Road)

View Recording:

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In attendance: (Board) Charlie Hancock, Daniel Khan, Dennis Himes, Chris Dixson-Boles; Mel Auffredou, Lauren Weston, Kerry Brosnan, Sadie (NRCD); Tosca Smith, Josh Howard, Karie Quinton, Kip Potter, Lynn Locher (visitors); Joan and Bill Hildreth, Michael (?), Amy Godfrey (via Zoom)

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda – Charlie confirmed that Town Hall quotes for work will be covered under 8(a).
2. Review/approve minutes of the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - a. Chris made a motion to approve the minutes w/ amendment to Chris’s last name (correct spelling “Dixson”); seconded by Mark; approved 5-0
3. Montgomery Flood Resilience Project – Trout River Center / Black Falls Brook & Jewett Property Board will be joined by representative from Franklin County NRCD for project updates
  - a. Representatives from NRCD presented on two projects
    - i. Jewett property floodplain restoration property; SLR conducting field work for final design; coordinating with VTrans; design work through June 2027; implementation could be summer 2027, more likely 2028; fundraising underway (via State Clean Water Funds to support, no Montgomery money at play)
    - ii. “Alt 12” restoration along Trout River in Center. Application for funding pending submission. NRCD is requesting letter of support for funding application for final design funding. Motion to submit letter of support made by Daniel; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0
4. Appointments
  - a. Development Review Board, Alternate – 4 year term (*exp. 2028*)
    - i. Nomination for Lynn Locher from Daniel; Lynn appointed 5-0
  - b. Animal Control Officer – 1 year term - tabled
  - c. NW Solid Waste District Rep – 3 year term - tabled

- d. MRBA Wild and Scenic Rep – 1 year term (*2 appointments*) - tabled
  - e. NW CUD Rep – 1 year term
    - i. Nomination for Doug Kopacz from Mark; Mark appointed 5-0
  - f. Town Hall Committee – 3 year term (*4 appointments*)
    - i. Daniel nominated Tosca Smith, Tara Lumbra, and Shane Mercy for a 3-year term; Slate appointed 5-0
    - ii. Mark nominated Cliff Loos for a 3-year term; Cliff appointed 5-0
  - g. Town Hall Committee – 2 year term
    - i. Chris nominated Josh Howard; Josh appointed 5-0
5. Public Works
- a. Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory (*board action*)
    - i. Motion to approve from Dennis; seconded by Daniel; approved 5-0
  - b. Annual Financial Plan – Town Highways (*board action*)
    - i. Mark introduced the annual financial plan and reviewed the numbers; motion to approve by Dennis; seconded by Daniel; approved 5-0
  - c. Better Back Roads Grant Agreement (*board action*)
    - i. Grant will support completion of cleaning ditches and improvements on Amidon Road; motion to adopt the grant agreement by Daniel; seconded by Dennis; approved 5-0
  - d. General Updates (*discussion/updates*)
    - i. Mark and Road Crew will be meeting with State soon to find location for next BBR grant application
    - ii. Culvert Replacement on Amidon Road occurring this week; Hill West Culvert Replacement also Pending; crew will also be re-setting a culvert on West Hill Rd.
    - iii. Mark confirmed that the new Western Star Truck will fit through the covered bridges
  - e. Water System Updates – User Rates (*discussion/potential board action*)
    - i. System went in 2009; last rate adjustment in 2017; commission is working with Erin and Ross to establish necessary rate increases for FY27. Commission will take this up in June.
    - ii. Shut-off notices required for past-due delinquencies (21 properties w/ delinquencies totaling approximately \$17k). Motion to approve shut off notices from Mark; seconded Dennis; approved 5-0.
6. Visitors
- a. Amy Godfrey – Amy shared a litany of complaints and concerns with the Board, ranging from property taxes to legislation concerning Act 250. Charlie will schedule a meeting w/ Amy for later this week to try and address them.
7. Old Business
- a. Municipal Wastewater System Project (*discussion/updates*)
    - i. Plan was to bid project on 4/7, with a pre-bid meeting scheduled for 4/22, opening bids on 5/6. This schedule has been paused at the recommendation of the State to better ensure sequencing of plan approvals and permit releases to better

ensure concurrence from WID/RD. Charlie will continue to work with State and Engineers to expedite this.

- b. Streetscape Project (*discussion/updates*)
  - i. Engineers will be in town Tuesday (4/7) re: ROW work; NBRC and Bike/Ped application this fall; SS4A conversation w/ NWRPC suggests this may also be an opportunity to pursue. Bethany will follow up.
- c. PSB Renovation (*discussion/updates*)
  - i. Discussion ensued re: server transition questions and budget. Charlie will continue to work with Liz and Erin to determine budget implications for PSB Renovation project and Reserve Fund allocations.
- d. Windows 11 transition quote for Municipal Offices (*previously approved - board signatures required*) – no action required; quote signed

## 8. New Business

- a. Town Hall – Lift Maintenance Contract (*board action*)
  - i. Motion to approve the annual access mobility maintenance contract for \$425; seconded by Chris; approved 5-0
  - ii. Tosca presented a list of planned/anticipated/desired quotes for work at the Hall.
    - 1. Mark made a motion to approve the lock replacements on the front doors at Town Hall, paid from Town Hall Reserve Fund, in an amount not to exceed \$4,500; second by Dennis; approved 5-0
- b. Town Mowing Contract for 2026-28 (*board action*)
  - i. Mowing contract is up for renewal; as the amount paid annually under the last agreement was greater than \$15,000, per purchasing policy the Board decided to bid the contract back out to bid.
- c. Municipal Code of Ethics Training (*discussion*)
  - i. Charlie will email Board the link to training
- d. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*)
  - i. Tastes Like Anotha, Inc. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class
  - ii. Thompson/Himes Enterprises 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class
  - iii. Lantern Holdings, LLC. 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class, OCP
    - 1. Daniel moves to approve the slate as presented; Chris seconds; 4-0-1 (Dennis abstains)
- e. Fleet Permits (*board action*)
  - i. QXO, Inc.
  - ii. Pike Industries, Inc.
  - iii. Wind River Environmental
  - iv. Barrett Trucking, Inc.
  - v. Wright's Excavating, Inc.
  - vi. Valliancourt Transport
  - vii. AmeriGas
  - viii. S.D. Ireland
  - ix. Added: Consolidated Communications
  - x. Added: Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc.
  - xi. Added: Harrison Concrete
    - 1. Motion to approve the slate as presented by Mark; seconded by Daniel; approved 5-0

9. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

10. Review Action Items for Board Members

11. Adjourn

- a. Motion to adjourn by Dennis; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0
- b. Meeting adjourned 8:30pm