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Minutes of the
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday July 20th 2026
6:30pm
Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
View Recording:

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLrBf_FpjKbwcSJm_gBqfFSmPGaVWJXBB7

In attendance: Charlie Hancock, Chris Dixon-Boles, Dennis Himes, Daniel Khan; Karie Quintin, Josh Howard, Craig Godfrey, Tosca Smith, Roberta Baker; Chris Johnson, Michael Miller, Amy Godfrey (via zoom); Will Cribbs w/ NWATV

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda
 - a. Added – Town Road and Bridge Standards under Public Works, Roads
 - b. Removed (tabled) – Water Rates for FY27; FY26 Budget Status Close-out Report
2. Review/approve minutes of the July 13th meeting
 - a. Motion to approve the minutes as written from Dennis, seconded by Mark; approved 5-0
3. Public Works
 - a. Roads
 - i. General Updates
 1. Amidon road grant supported work, ditching and stone lining
 2. Crew is obtaining additional “No Parking” signs for Rt. 58 at swimming hole; also looking into “SLOW” stencil for downhill lane.
 - ii. Municipal Roads General Permit Road Erosion Inventory (*board action*)
 1. Motion to submit the Letter of Intent to State for grant funding to update the Municipal Roads General Permit Road Erosion Inventory from Mark; seconded by Dennis; approved 5-0
 - iii. Added: Town Road and Bridge Standards
 1. Records suggest that this was already submitted to State early this year. However, to ensure compliance a motion was made by Mark to sign and submit the Letter of Intent; seconded by Chris; approved 5-0
 - b. Water System
 - i. General Updates – CCR notice has gone out and posted, with line inventory available to review on the website
 - ii. ~~Water Rates for FY27 (tabled)~~

4. Visitors
 - a. Craig Godfrey inquired re: damage to Class IV Road from a fuel truck this spring in Gibou, which will limit the ability to plow. Mark responded that road crew has repairs in their work plan.
 - b. Karie Quintin expressed concerns around affiliation disclosures on the Selectboard (and asked that written comments be recorded in the minutes – *see attached*).
 - c. Roberta inquired re: guidance from municipal attorney reflected in 7/13 minutes
 - d. Tosca re: Preservation Trust grant Schwanke Grant for Montgomery Town Hall (6d)
 - e. Amy expressed concerns around her perceived conflict of interest by board members
5. Old Business
 - a. Municipal Wastewater System Project (*updates*)
 - i. Bid opening scheduled for Wednesday July 29th; State has release updated Intended Use Plan for State Revolving Fund usage, which includes Montgomery. IUP also included new construction subsidy provisions which would benefit Montgomery.
 - b. Streetscape Project (*updates*)
 - i. Still working through right-of-way phase
 - c. PSB Renovation (*updates*)
 - i. Anticipate having final construction estimates from Mill Brook the first week of August. Anticipate this being on the August 17th Board Agenda.
6. New Business
 - a. ~~FY26 Budget Close-out Status Report~~ (*discussion*) (tabled)
 - b. Center Cemetery Expansion (*board action*)
 - i. Cemetery Commission would like approval to begin work planning for expansion into additional town owned land on the north and south sides of the current Cemetery due to increasing issues with capacity. Commission bylaw work pending. Motion to approve further investigation for expansion of Center Cemetery into additional town owned land from Daniel; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0.
 - c. NWFX Utility Room Agreement (*discussion, potential board action*)
 - i. NWFX has provided the town with a draft lease agreement to house equipment at the PSB. Draft least includes provision that NWFW would provide a generator to serve PSB (which the town would own). NWFX would also provide fee broadband connection for PSB. Town will respond with additional questions and proposed edits to the draft. Additional lease for NEK Broadband (for same purposes, housing equipment at the PSB) is pending. No action taken.
 - d. Schwanke Grant for Montgomery Town Hall
 - i. Town has received at Grant from Preservation Trust of Vermont for \$7,500 to support work at Town Hall related to improvements to basement and kitchen facilities. Motion to sign grant agreement by Daniel; seconded by Chris; approved 5-0.
 - e. Approval for Local Candidates on General Election Ballots (*board action*)
 - i. Now that SOS mails these out to voters, the town has to approve putting local candidates or questions on the GE November ballot based on statute (otherwise we'd have to print separate ballots in November for our JP races. Action would simply allow all questions to be included on one ballot. Motion to approve

putting local candidates or questions on the GE November ballot made by Chris;
seconded by Daniel; approved 5-0

- f. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses (*board action*) - none
 - g. Fleet Permits (*board action*) - none
7. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters
 8. Review Action Items for Board Members
 9. Adjourn
 - a. Motion to adjourn made by Dennis; seconded by Mark; approved 5-0

Official Selectboard Conflict of Interest Requests Disclosure

In a small town, overlapping roles and community involvement are common. My concern is ensuring that all relevant relationships, affiliations, and sources of guidance are fully disclosed so the public can have confidence that decisions are being made with transparency and with the best interests of Montgomery residents at the center.

I am formally requesting that the Selectboard place an agenda item on the next Selectboard meeting to address conflict-of-interest disclosures and transparency procedures. Specifically, I am requesting that the Board explain what disclosures were made during the STR ordinance process regarding any Selectboard members' roles with organizations, agencies, commissions, or other entities that may provide guidance, technical assistance, model policies, funding, or other influence related to municipal decisions. I will do the same for other major decisions that have been made in the past at some point. I would also like the Board to clarify what standards were used to determine whether disclosure, discussion, or *recusal* was appropriate?

Moving forward, I am requesting that the Selectboard establish a clear process to ensure that these types of relationships are disclosed publicly whenever they may be relevant to a decision before the Board. Residents deserve to understand the full context of decisions being made on their behalf, including whether outside organizations, regional entities, or state-level guidance played a role in shaping those decisions. **This is 100% about protecting public trust and ensuring that Montgomery's elected officials are clearly accountable to the residents who elected them.**