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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION**
Temporary Town Office (86 Mountain Road)
Monday, September 9th 2019
6:30pm

Charlie called meeting to order at 6:39PM.

Selectboard: Charlie Hancock, Darren Drevik, Leanne Barnard, Mark Brouillette, Jacob Racusin (phone)
Clerk: Suzanne Dollois
Visitors: Larry Letourneau, Anita Woodward, Michael Snider, Sarita Kahn, Penny Demar, Barry Kade, Melinda Swearingen, Nick Lyons, Daniel Kahn, Christen Kahn, Walter Knight, Joe Sherman

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Add Driveway Permit(s) to Roads and Bridges 3.a.e.

Add (Old Business): Vacant Building Complaint 6.i.

2. Review/approve minutes of the August 19th meeting

Leanne moved to approve the minutes from August 19 as written; seconded by Mark. Roll call vote, 4-0; Jacob abstained

3. Public Works

a. Roads and Bridges

a. Grants—*Status Updates*

→North Hill pilot program was resubmitted, consequently reimbursement delayed

→VTRANS Structures Grant: Route 58 culvert successful.

→Better Back Roads Grant: Lane Road to be completed this week.

→Route 58 to be repaved Thursday or Friday. Mark requested an estimate for West Hill paved section. Michael will reach out to paving company.

b. Brady Road

→Michael working to coordinate with St. Onge. Will hear response this week.

c. Update on Creamery Bridge clean-up

→Will be addressed this week. Michael to address potholes on West Hill side of bridge.

d. Fixed radar speed signs—request for installation to Vtrans (*update*)

→Charlie working with VTRANS for permit request. One quote received, one pending. Sizes: 15” or 12” signs. Quote for 4 signs between \$14,600-\$15,440 (pending second quote). \$3k available for assistance through VCRD NBRC grant balance (Montgomery Thrives)

- e. Driveway Permits
 - James Howarth, Amidon Road. Two permits: one for sap building, one for residence. Mark moved to approve two driveway permits for James Howarth on Amidon Road; seconded by Darren. Roll call, 5-0. Unanimous approval.

- b. Buildings and Grounds
 - a. Main Street Status/Repairs—*Status Update*
 - Tile work 90% completed, interior remaining.
 - Grange walkway rebuilt, upstairs seating anchored, basement handrail reinstalled, touch ups and minor repairs addressed. Handicapped ramp needs some measure of protection against vehicles. Temporary barrier from St. Onge?

- 4. Visitors
 - Barry Kade: brought draft deeds for Demar et. al property transfer. Needs information for property transfer tax returns, which Charlie has available. Barry will review and revise, to be returned promptly.
 - Other visitors in attendance re: item 6.g.

- 5. Water Commission Issues
 - Peters account has some issues with billing/rate inconsistencies.
 - Mark moved to waive the balance on the Peters/Hogan account due to past errors by the town; seconded by Leanne. Roll call, unanimous 5-0.
 - Mark will be coordinating shut-off notices this week to delinquent accounts.

- 6. Old Business
 - a. Grant Updates
 - i. Electric Vehicle Charging Station Grant (VEC)
 - Permit Review Request pending. Carry over.
 - ii. USDA Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program
 - Suzanne to meet with USDA community facilities grant agent regarding prospective application. qualifications and parameters.
 - iii. *Other*

 - b. Update on Montgomery Thrives Committees
 - Recent meeting the VCRD re: status update on progress; discuss resources. VCRD has a \$3,000 credit from Northern Borders Grant, must be used by the end of the month. Board recommendation for allocation to speed signs.

 - c. Welcome to Montgomery Signs (*update*)
 - Signs are done. Posts pending.

 - d. Demar Road boundary line adjustment (*finalize transfer*)
 - Carry over. Deeds will be available for signature at next meeting.

 - e. 18 month transitional budget (Calendar Year to Fiscal Year)—Budget Committee Update
 - Budget Committee met and decided that to pass a budget in October is unfeasible. Instead, the Board will present an 18 month budget at Town Meeting.

- f. Sale of Ambulance
→ Charlie requests permission from the board to post sale publicly. No legal requirements as to sale.
- g. Short Term Rentals/VRBOs (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
Discussion took place with visitors re: Short Term rentals (Air B&B, VRBO, etc.). All acknowledged positives to rental market, including tourism draw, local spending at ancillary businesses, increase in building values and grand list impact, re-purpose empty or buildings in disrepair. Concerns were also discussed: how do existing zoning bylaws interpret this and are conditional use permits mandatory given “Lodging” definition; impacts on character of neighborhood and neighboring property owners, especially around noise and parking; necessity for ensuring building safety. Potential points that could be addressed in an ordinance were discussed, with consensus on a number of points.
→ Board will begin drafting a potential ordinance to address concerns raised. Planning Commission with further investigate bylaw question.
- h. Local Option Tax (*continued discussion, no planned board action*)
→ Carry over. Likely addressed at Town Meeting
- i. Vacant Building Complaint
→ No vacant building officer appointed. Charlie will follow up with candidates.

7. New Business

- a. Draft Contract for Police Services (*discussion re: template provided, no planned board action*)
→ Charlie asks for feedback from the Board. 4-hour patrols; does that include travel time? Can the town work with Sheriff to schedule patrols, rather than being delegated by Franklin County Sheriff’s Office? Clarification of calculation of charges. This will be accounted for in next years budget. Charlie to follow up with FCSD.
- b. Overweight Truck Permits
- c. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Leanne moved to adjourn meeting at 8:20PM; seconded by Mark. Unanimous, 4-0 (Jacob had since left the call).