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REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SELECTBOARD & WATER COMMISSION
Monday, June 15th 2020
6:30pm

Full recording of the meeting can be found here:

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Attendees: Charlie Hancock, Leanne Barnard, Jacob Racusin, Suzanne Dollois. Absent: Mark Brouillette.
Clerk: Genevieve Lodal-Guild. Visitors: Sue Wilson, Melissa Haberman.

Charlie called the meeting to order at 6:37pm.

1. Review and make any changes to the agenda

Charlie added “Driveway Permits” under Roads and Bridges, and under New Business, “Re-adoption of Local Emergency Operations Plan”. Additionally, the Warning needs to be changed to read “June 15”, not “July 15” as there was a typo on the date.

2. Review/approve minutes of the June 1st meeting

Leanne made a motion to approve the minutes, Suzanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, aye. Motion passed.

3. Public Works

a. Roads and Bridges

- i. Grant updates - No updates at this time.
- ii. Fixed Radar Speed Signs (*update*) - No updates at this time, pending Lafayette availability. Charlie will follow up with Michael.
- iii. Driveway Permits
Current driveway permits for: Lefebvre/Ross, Demar, Snyder, Howarth (2). Need to get Mark to sign off on them.

b. Buildings and Grounds

- i. 98 Main Street (*update—discussion under USPS, Old Business*)
No updates at this time.

ii. Generator repairs (*discussion, potential board action*)

No updates at this time. Charlie is hoping to have some information later this week.

c. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) update re: Longley Bridge Road project (*update*)

Charlie reported that Michael, Erin, and Linda with the Regional Planning Commission met to finalize agreement with Dubois Engineering the previous week, and engineering work should start soon.

d. FEMA (*update*)

Charlie reported that the Grants Manager changed, and the new person is more responsive, so we are submitting now for reimbursements and moving ahead.

4. Visitors (7pm)

Melissa asked about the update of the radar signs. She also asked if there had been any research done on educational signage for ATVs, as discussed at the last meeting. Charlie responded that he is trying to track down options and will do some more research. Melissa asked about playing soccer on Sundays at the Rec Center fields and whether that is currently allowed. Charlie said he would suggest checking with the Rec department and the Governor's order for questions about this issue.

5. Water Commission Issues

No current issues.

6. Old Business

a. COVID-19 and Municipal/Local Response (*updates/discussion*)

Charlie reminded everyone that Governor Scott extended the state of emergency today to July 15, so the amendments are still in effect. Regarding the Selectboard work, this extension does not seem to indicate any changes. Charlie has not found any guidance from VLCT or any other group to shift the Selectboard meetings out of a Zoom format. As information becomes available, it will be shared.

b. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (*update*)

Suzanne reported that we are waiting on the equipment to come in to begin scheduling installation. Charlie also let everyone know that the free high-speed hotspot at the PSB is installed. The plan is to have it at the PSB for now and then investigate what it would cost to change the Grange from Consolidated Communications to Comcast, where we could then move the equipment to offer a wider range on Main St. This would also allow the EVC stations to hook in there.

Jacob asked if the Broadband Committee is still intact; Charlie responded that they were not at this point, but that perhaps it can be reinstated after the Streetscaping and Wastewater issues have been resolved. Discussion ensued.

c. Wastewater and Streetscape Projects (*updates*)

i. Status updates

Charlie reported that the website is up and running. There have been some tweaks to it since going live, and some engineering updates indicate that about 92% of parcels in Village 1 and Village 2 districts don't have suitable capacity for a replacement system. The site will continue to be updated as more information comes forward. Sue asked a question around one of the graphics indicating a one-way street in the Village. Charlie addressed the responses to the streetscape work and the graphics on the site and suggested keeping in mind the conceptual nature of the graphics, that nothing is meant to be specific or set in stone. There will be a lot more engineering work and input before those projects would be implemented. We may still hold an outdoor in-person hearing to address questions (in addition to Zoom hearings) if the number of allowable participants increases per Governor's order. Charlie asked what other feedback anyone had heard from the proposal. Discussion ensued.

ii. Outreach Material

Postcards went out last week. Committee has flyers that will be hung up in time for July 4th.

iii. Timeline—Action Items/Next Steps

d. Tax due dates/timeline, revisited (*board discussion and potential action*)

The Board received an email from the state on Friday, who notified everyone that the Grand List lodging deadline has been extended to August 15th, which may affect the town rate. Education tax rates are not set yet, and there are a number of delays, due to changes in deadlines from the pandemic. Charlie wanted to flag this item for potential future discussion. He said that what has been adopted should still be good, but there might be some updates.

e. Rt. 58 Swimming Hole Parking Enforcement

Charlie met with Roger Langevin (Franklin County Sheriff's Department) and talked about editing or amending the town's ticket books (from DPS) for use in town. Roger reiterated that the highway safety fund the Sheriff's Office receives can be used for these types of concerns, so he is willing to serve as a resource for issues like the parking on Route 58.

7. New Business

a. Overweight Truck Permits - none currently.

b. Liquor/Tobacco Licenses

i. Sylvester's Market - 2nd Class renewal

ii. Snowshoe Lodge - 1st and 3rd Class and Outside Consumption permit

iii. The Phineas Swann - redo of 1st Class license, and Outside Consumption permit (The state lost their paperwork, hence the redo.)

(Note: The INN—referenced on Warning—was not in the physical pile, maybe due to miscommunication)

Suzanne made a motion to collectively approve the licenses, Jacob seconded.

Vote: 4-0, aye. Motion passed.

c. Re-adoption of Local Emergency Operations Plan

Charlie reminded everyone that this plan must be adopted every year. He reviewed the 2019 plan for changes to mutual aid contacts outside of the town per information from Shawn Coleman (NWRPC) as well as the Montgomery Fire Chief position (which is now held by Doug Kopacz). This would affect ERAF funding for disaster assistance, and the adoption of this plan would ensure the funding stays at the highest rate. Jacob made a motion to adopt the Local Emergency Operations Plan, Suzanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, aye. Motion passed.

8. Open Mail / Sign Orders / Administrative Matters

9. Review Action Items for Board Members

10. Adjourn

Leanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Suzanne seconded. Vote: 4-0, Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.