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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2024.

In attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice-Chair Teresa Boucher, Selectboard Member Zach Weaver, Road Foreman Rick Cloutier, Town Clerk & Treasurer Maggie McCormick

Via Zoom: Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Groff

1. Howard called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m.

2. Additions/deletions to agenda

   Howard moved to remove the ANWSD Budget from the agenda. Zach seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

3. Approval of the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Selectboard Meeting

Teressa moved to approve the minutes as written. Zach seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

4. Road Foreman's Report
   a. Mileage certificate
      i. Maggie had the Selectboard sign the Highway Mileage Certificate with no changes per Rick.
   b. Rick and Jeff have been ditching on West Road.
   c. Ash tree removal
      i. Vaillancourt has asked when they can start tree removal
         1. Rick will check in with Diana
      ii. Will stumps be removed
         1. Adjacent property owners who want full stump removal will be responsible for arranging and paying for it.
   d. Outdoor internet for the garage complex
      i. Howard has a quote/estimate that he will forward to Maggie for review.

ii. There is a stipulation that if the service is not adequate, the Town will pay nothing for the equipment or installation.

5. Emergency Management Coordinator's Report
    a. Bob thanked the Selectboard for dedicating this year's Town Report to him.
    b. Despite the past few days of spring-like weather, everyone should be attentive to changing conditions.
    c. Vermont Emergency Management Department expects a large Influx of tourists for the April 8, 2024 eclipse.

~~6. Addison Northwest School District Budget—Martha DeGraaf~~

7. Garage outdoor Wi-Fi internet
    a. WCTV putting outdoor internet for $1000
    b. A second repeater could be used to increase range and is part of the $1000 estimate.
    c. Howard has a quote/estimate that he will forward to Maggie for review.

Zach moved to install outdoor Wi-Fi at the garage provided contract and cancellation terms are in place. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

8. MERP Grant
    a. Maggie responded to the award email with a query if CEAC was a subrecipient since Panton plans to pass this money to CEAC to fund an "Energy Navigator." Acceptance of the grant is on hold pending the response.

9. Town Meeting
    a. Teresa will take the Hannaford ballots to Middlebury on election night.
    b. Maggie has secured extra tables for the potluck and will pick them up at the library and a private residence over the weekend.
    c. Run through reschedule?
        i. Maggie, Howard, and Martha will meet later this week at a mutually arranged time.
    d. The Selectboard reviewed the budget for key points to present at the informational meeting.

10. April 8 eclipse
    a. Town Hall will close at 1:30 on April 8, 2024.

11. Public comment: None.

12. Communications
    a. Vergennes and Ferrisburgh have reached 3-year contract on fire services
    b. Howard reported that Vergennes Area Rescue Squad glossed over the number of out-of-service days in their presentation to the Vergennes City Council.
        i. VARS will submit a monthly report to member towns.
    c. Teresa announced an information meeting of Bypass Green Route neighbors.
        i. There has been talk of removing the current bridge over Otter Creek in Vergennes and building a new one and the traffic impacts during construction.

13. Review/approval of accounts payable warrant, timesheets & payroll warrant

Howard moved to approve the timesheets and warrants. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

14. Executive session if needed: Not needed.

15. Adjournment

Zach moved to adjourn. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie McCormick
Town Clerk & Treasurer