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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 27, 2023

In attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice-Chair Teresa Boucher, Town Moderator and ANWSD Representative Martha DeGraaf, Road Crew Mike Danyow, Seasonal Road Crew Dave Rheaume, Town Clerk & Treasurer Maggie McCormick.

Zoom: Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Groff, Town Advisor Sandy Fogg

1) Howard called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2) Additions/deletions to agenda
   a) The Emergency Management Coordinator's Report was added to the agenda.
   b) The Town letter to the PELS committee was added to the agenda.

3) Approval of the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Selectboard meeting
   a) Tabled.

4) Road Crew's Report
   a) Roads are clear following recent storms.
   b) The Town's winter road materials supply is holding up well.

5) Town Meeting (Informational Meeting)
   a) Dave Sullivan will provide technical support for Zoom.
   b) Kristin DeGraaf is likely to provide babysitting.
   c) Mike and Dave can provide information about the new truck if needed.

Howard moved to go into executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the board went into executive session at 5:46 p.m.

Howard moved to exit executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the board returned to open session at 5:55 p.m.

6) Emergency Manager's Report
   a) The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) update is underway.
      i) The next LHMP meeting is March 16, 2023 at 6:00 at Panton Town Hall.
   a) The Covid medical emergency status is set to expire in May.

7) Communications
   a) Sandy reported that Seth Kittredge has finished preliminary field work for the South Road survey.
      i) South Road was established in 1784 established. There was some migration over the years.
      ii) Recent snow caused delay.
   b) Stake will be placed to mark Turkey Lane right of way once the ground thaws fully.
   c) Sandy thanked the Selectboard for dedicating the Town Report to her.
   d) Howard and Teresa reiterated their appreciation for Sandy's work for the Town and thanked Bob Groff and Martha DeGraaf for all they are doing for the Town.

8) Town Informational Meeting rehearsal
   a) The general flow of the informational meeting was reviewed.

9) Public comment: None

10) Vergennes Bypass Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PELS) letter
   a) The letter, reviewed by Town counsel, Benj Putnam, formally communicates Panton's concerns about currently proposed options and insistence on Panton having a say in the outcome.
   b) Teresa moved to adopt and send the letter. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
   c) Howard will join DRB/PC Chair Mary Rudd at the next PELS meeting.

11) Communications
   a) Vermont League of Cities and Towns (VLCT) will be implementing a login requirement for members.
   b) The quarter-round molding around the upstairs floor will be installed on Thursday.
   c) Howard has finished putting protective feet on all the tables, chairs, and benches.

12) Review/approval of accounts payable warrant, timesheets & payroll warrant
   a) Teresa moved to approve the timesheets and warrant. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

13) Executive session if needed
   a) Howard moved to enter executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion board entered executive session at 6:36 p.m.
   b) Teresa moved to return to open session. Howard seconded. All in favor, the board returned to open session at 6:53 p.m.

14) Adjournment
   a) Teresa moved to adjourn the meeting. Howard seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie McCormick
Town Clerk & Treasurer