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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023

In attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice Chair Teresa Boucher, Road Foreman Rick Cloutier, Clerk-Treasurer Maggie McCormick, Richard Jackson, Selectboard Member Zach Weaver joined the meeting at 5:49 p.m.

1) Howard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2) Additions/deletions to agenda: None.

3) Approval of the minutes of the April 22, 2023 Selectboard meeting
   a) Tabled.

4) Road Foreman's Report
   a) Grader roller construction complete
   b) Ditching to start on West and Hopkinson Tuesday, May 9.
   c) Summer budget tight for gravel
   d) Docks will go in at Arnold Bay when water recedes.
      i) Looking to make a concrete pad to create a more level ramp.
      ii) Howard suggested the possibility of an aluminum ramp.
   e) Speed limit signs being stolen from Slang Road
      i) Signs required to enable the sheriff to enforce the speed limit.

5) Jackson Wellhouse
   a) Mike Danyow hit the Jackson wellhouse and Rick and Richard Jackson agreed they'd look at it in the spring, but the wellhouse was removed two weeks later.
   b) Howard stated that Town budgets money and can't just arbitrarily spend money.
   c) Richard stated he didn't realize the amount of damage until he started to repair.

Teresa moved to pay for the materials needed to rebuild the wellhouse. Zach seconded. All in favor; the motion passed. The Town will issue a check for $132.13 to Richard Jackson with the next AP run on May 22.

6) Emergency Management Coordinator's Report
    a) Federal Covid State of Emergency will end on May 11, 2023
    b) Regional Emergency Management meeting this Wednesday subject: continuity of operations plan

7) Pear Ridge Catering Permit
    a) Pear Ridge applied for a catering for an event with alcohol service at Diddle & Zen on May 30, 2023.

Zach moved to approve the permit. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

8) Town Hall Roof Repair
    a) Rundown of current information received from vendors
    b) Clerk will ask Vermont Roofing/Vermont Construction about ceiling repair contractor
    c) Talk with disaster recovery company?

Teresa moved that VT Roofing be contracted for roof repair provided they have satisfactory references and can recommend insulation/ceiling repair. Zach seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

9) Town-Wide Reappraisal Update
    a) Letter explaining the basics and announcing the informational meeting on May 22 will be mailed to residents on May 9, 2023.

10) Dog ordinance revision
    a) Section 2 E added: "An owner or keeper of any dog, wolf hybrid or pet that defecates on premises other than that of the owner shall be required to remove the fecal matter and dispose of it in an appropriate container. Should the owner or keeper of the animal not retrieve the feces, said owner or keeper shall be fined $25.00 for the first offense and $50.00 for each subsequent offense. "

Teresa moved to adopt the amended ordinance. Zach seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

11) Town Website
    a) The new site is up and running. There are many pieces that require additional refinement and online payment is still being set up.

12) Tax Collection/Delinquent Taxes

a) The Clerk/Treasurer presented the delinquent tax warrant for the Selectboard's review. Howard noted that total delinquent taxes were $40,000.

b) Public Comment: None.

13) Communications
   a) Howard asked if researchers are using the online land records hosted by Cott. Clerk replied that there is a small amount of revenue from Cott.
   b) The solar panels at the garage are generating electricity which will be credited on the Town's electric bill. Clerk will report numbers at next meeting. GMP solar generation and bill credit

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

15) Executive session if needed
   a) Howard moved to enter executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the board entered executive session at 6:24 p.m.
   b) Zach moved to exit executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the board returned to open session at 6:44 p.m.

Teresa moved to award a personnel bonus from ARPA funds. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

16) Howard moved to adjourn. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie McCormick

Clerk & Treasurer