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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 24 2023

In attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice Chair Teresa Boucher, Emergency management Coordinator Bob Groff, Town Advisor Sandy Fogg, Town Clerk & Treasurer Maggie McCormick

Via Zoom; Selectboard Member Zach Weaver

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

2) Additions/deletions to agenda
   a) TB moved to add Bob Hartenstein to the agenda. Howard seconded. All if favor; the motion passed.

3) Approval of the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Selectboard meeting
   a) Teresa moved to accept the minutes as written. Howard seconded. All if favor; the motion passed.

4) Bob Hartenstein
   a) Bob let the board know that Ferrisburgh residents who live along the lake have requested tax abatement due to lake pollution that prevents them from using the lake.

5) Emergency Management Coordinator's Report
   i) Monster rainstorms really trashed the towns on either side of the Green Mountains.
   ii) Ryan Brown, Panton's other representative to the regional Emergency management committee, surveyed all the Panton roads and reported to
   (1) Vermont Emergency Management having frequent meetings to assess damages and plan recovery efforts.

iii) National Weather Service predicting more frequent and more severe storms due to climate change
iv) Canadian wildfires to continue through summer and fall because of their remote locations that cannot be accessed by firefighters.

Howard thanked Bob for providing timely and useful information to the community.

6) Cyanobacteria signs for beach
   a) People do not know what cyanobacteria blooms look like.
   b) Clerk will seek sources for additional educational signage for the beach.

7) Development Review Board/Planning Commission meeting schedule
   a) Bob spoke about the lack of agenda items for the regular monthly meetings and the challenge of getting a quorum with a 7-member board.
   b) Proposed that the DRB/PC be set as a 5-member board and meet every other month or as-needed.

Teresa moved to allow the DRB/PC to be 5-member board. Zac seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

The Selectboard affirmed that the DRB/PC has the authority to set their own schedule and is not opposed to the proposed change, as long as resident needs as being met.

8) Addison County Sheriff contract
   a) Sheriff's office is now focused on patrolling/showing presence versus issuing tickets.

Teresa moved to accept the contract. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

9) Land records indexing
   a) Data entry position posted on Town website and bulletin boards with no response.

10) August 14 Selectboard meeting
   a) Clerk will be on vacation. Assistant clerk will take minutes.

11) Public Comment: none.

12) Communications
   a) Clerk noted that Jackman Fuel prebuy letter has been received.
   b) Clerk is meeting with managed IT services provider, Tech Group, to discuss their failure to meet contractual service requirements.

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

14) Executive session if needed
    a) Howard moved to enter executive session. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the board entered executive session at 6:09 p.m.
    b) Teresa moved to exit executive session. Howard seconded. All in favor; the board returned to open session at 6:30 p.m.

Teresa moved to hold a special meeting on August 14 at 8:00 a.m. at Town Hall to discuss personnel matters. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.

15) Adjournment
    a) Howard moved to adjourn. Teresa seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie McCormick

Town Clerk & Treasurer