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SELECTBOARD MINUTES - DRAFT DECEMBER 1, 2021

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Present: Rock Webster, Bob Edmunds

Also Present: Rob Ramrath, Jeff Tracy, Randal Vaughan, Roscoe Dorsey (Casella).

1. Call to order –

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.

2. Review Agenda –

A. Barnard Mountain Viewers Seeking Permission –

On behalf of the club, Jeff Tracy asked if the club could have on-road permission along Chateaugay Rd between house #4411 and Morgan Rd. Permission was granted.

3. Public comments –

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes of 11/17/2021.

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business –

There was no old business.

6. Transfer Station Outsourcing Proposal – Consider.

Roscoe Dorsey, Casella Assistant General Manager was present for the discussion. Roscoe said the facility needed \$20,000 - \$30,000 in up-front repairs and improvement before Casella could take over operations. He discussed various options that would be available. Roscoe also offered that Casella could handle cash, check and credit/debit card payments at the facility. Town Administrator Rob Ramrath asked if Casella could amortize the up-front costs over a multi-year contract; Roscoe said this was likely possible and he would investigate it. The Selectboard asked Roscoe to return with a proposal. Roscoe said he would target the January 5, 2022 meeting which would still be in time to include the details in the FY23 budget. Randal Vaughan shared concerns that when renegotiating a renewal with Casella in future years, they would have excessive leverage with the town as the entrenched and only available provider, leading to excessive price increases. Rob and the Selectboard discussed that certain protections might be built into the contract to protect against such a risk. The Selectboard and Rob thanked Randal for attending and sharing his thoughts.

7. CDL Annual Review Memorandum – Review –

The Memorandum from the VT DMV requires self-certification of driving records for town employee CDL holders. The Memorandum was reviewed and signed by the Selectboard.

8. Town Hall Rental Waiver Policy – Consider –

Practices around waivers of the Town Hall Rental fee were discussed for general clarification. No changes were made to the policy.

9. FY23 Budget Preparation – Continue process –

The Highway Department budget was discussed in detail. FY23 budget preparations will continue with future meetings.

10. Highway Operations – Review –

General highway operations were discussed. Highway Foreman Jeff Tracy gave his inputs to the FY23 budget.

11. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 11/23/21, 11/30/21.

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

12. Adjourn –

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Town Administrator. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. Next regular meeting December 15, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair

Timothy Johnson

Robert Edmunds