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SELECTBOARD MINUTES APRIL 17, 2024

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Present: Rock Webster (Chair), Richard Lancaster (Vice Chair), Bob Edmunds
Also Present: Rob Ramrath (Town Administrator), Delmar Balch (Highway Foreman), Glenn Dunning.

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM.

2. Review Agenda

A. LaGaragista Outdoor Consumption Permit – Review & Sign

The permit was approved.

3. Public comments

A. Tom and Helen McClean Bridge 33 – Review letter

Bridge 33 off Chateauguay Rd. failed because of the July 2023 flooding. The bridge provides access to the McClean property. There is a ford through the creek next to the bridge that is in poor condition. The letter outlines the importance to the owners of accessing their property. The McClean's requested prioritization for repairs to the bridge. As a first step bridge replacement requires an engineering design. The Selectboard directed Rob to put out an RFP for the engineering work so that we could be positioned to potentially begin construction in calendar 2025. The Selectboard also directed Rob to contact this state stream and river engineer to investigate improving the condition of the ford as the town would be willing to make repairs if permitted by the state.

4. Review/Approve Minutes April 3, 2024

The minutes were approved.

5. Fable Farm Liquor VT Outside Consumption Permit – Review & Sign

The permit was signed.

6. Town Clerk List, Properties Tagged for Delinquent Tax Sale – FYI

The information was given to the Selectboard.

7. Old Business

A. Masterson Rd Class 4 & Cootey Rd Discontinuance Hearing Logistics – Discuss

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the warning for the Masterson Rd. class 4 discontinuance. Richard recused himself for the discussion of the Cootey Rd. discontinuance. Bob and Rock reviewed the Cootey Rd. discontinuance warning and approved.

B. Town Officer Appointments - Green Up VT – Amie Lennon Barnard BEES – Update Appointment

Mary Blanton declined her appointment for Green Up VT. The Selectboard thanks Mary for her service through the years. Amie Lennon was appointed for a term expiring in 2025. The Selectboard thanks Amie for her willingness to contribute.

8. Town & Highway Operations – Review

Delmar reported that the new one ton truck was delivered. The Selectboard authorized ARPA funds for the sum of \$70,904 for the truck body. Rob reported that an additional energy audit has been performed on the town hall in the town garage. He shared that the findings will be published in the August timeframe to be followed by an opportunity for an energy upgrade grant for up to \$500,000. Rob reported that he had submitted the annual ARPA expenditure report for the municipality. The Selectboard discussed potential liability issues associated with town hall rental to private parties, especially in the presence of alcohol. The Selectboard directed Rob to confer with legal counsel on the opportunity to add indemnifying language to our rental contract. Additionally, they directed Rob to investigate the opportunity for renters to purchase event insurance. Via email prior to the meeting, Pete Stoddard provided photographs showing road and driveway damage due to town plow trucks in the area of The Grove. The Selectboard discussed how muddy the ground was underneath nearly 2 feet of snow. The Selectboard discussed how one of the fundamental issues was there was no proper turnaround for town trucks in The Grove. The Selectboard directed Rob to contact the Barnard Roads committee and ask them to investigate the situation and suggest a solution. The Selectboard voted to authorize the acceptance of up to 4 tires per household at the transfer station for May 4th Green Up day. All tires must be off the rims. Only light truck and car tires will be accepted.

9. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 4/9/2024, 4/16/24

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

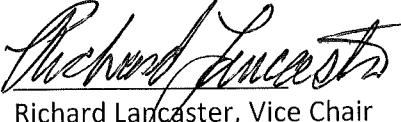
10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Town Administrator. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next meeting is May 1, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds