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SELECTBOARD MINUTES FEBRUARY 28, 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), Diane Rainey (Town Clerk/Treasurer), Jon Harrington

SPECIAL MEETING

INFORMATIONAL (PRE-TOWN) MEETING

THE SELECTBOARD WILL BE AVAILABLE AT 7 PM TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE IN PREPARATION FOR TOWN MEETING ON TUESDAY MARCH 5TH.

There were no attendees from the public for the Informational Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM and adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Regular Meeting Agenda – Following the Informational Meeting

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

2. Review Agenda

A. Jerry Fredrickson Resignations – Consider

Via an email an e-mail sent to the Selectboard prior to the meeting, Jerry Fredrickson resigned effective immediately from the Barnard Planning Commission, the Barnard Conservation Commission, and the Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission as the Barnard Representative. The Selectboard accepted Jerry's resignations and thanks him for his long service.

B. Delinquent Property Tax Collection Policy

Diane presented to the Selectboard a revised policy where properties would be tagged for tax sale if not paid in full by April 1st of the fiscal year. This will allow recovery of delinquent taxes via sale within the fiscal year of the delinquency. The Selectboard approved the new policy revision.

3. Public comments

There were no public comments.

4. Review/Approve Minutes February 7, 2024

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

There was no old business.

6. Town & Highway Operations – Review

Rob reported on the progress of work with FEMA to recover costs associated with the July 2023 flooding. He shared that there is a grant program for mitigation work where the state has received \$69 million from FEMA to share across all municipalities in the state. The competition will be significant for funds and Barnard will submit several applications. The Selectboard directed Rob to issue a public reminder for the coming town meeting along with logistics for voting. Rob reported that the new generator for the town hall will be installed on February 29th. Delmar reported that work was ongoing on the new Ford one-ton truck to be delivered in early spring.

7. Structures & Paving Grants for Submission – Consider

Rob presented a structures grant application for the replacement of the Lime Pond Rd culvert. He also presented a paving grant application to repave Stage Rd. The Selectboard approved both grants for submission and authorized Rob to sign any necessary paperwork.

8. Engineering RFP Bids (Lakota Rd Bridge, Lime Pond Rd Bank Slide and Culvert) – Consider

Harrington Civil Engineers Incorporated was the only bidder for the Lakota Road bridge and the Lime Pond Rd. bank slide projects. The Selectboard reviewed the bids and awarded the contracts to Harrington Civil Engineers Incorporated. For the Lime Pond Rd. culvert work, Barnard received bids both from Horizons Engineering and Harrington Civil Engineers Incorporated. The Selectboard had some questions on the Horizons Engineering submission and directed Rob to follow up such that a decision on the project could be made at the March 6, 2024 Selectboard meeting.

9. Planning Commission Ridgeline Mapping Consulting Proposal – Consider

The Planning Commission forwarded a proposal from Two Rivers Ottauquechee Regional Planning Commission for consideration by the Selectboard. The proposal is for consulting services to create ridgeline mapping, and guidance on potential future zoning regulations. The Selectboard approved the proposal.

10. Steve Killam Resignation Letter from Conservation Commission – Review

Via e-mail prior to the meeting, Steve Killam submitted his resignation from the Barnard Conservation Commission. The Selectboard accepted Steve's resignation and thanks him for his service.

11. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 2/13/24, 2/20/24, 2/27/24

The Town & Highway Orders were approved.

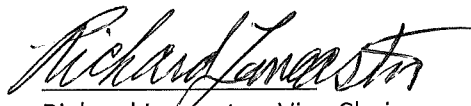
12. Adjourn

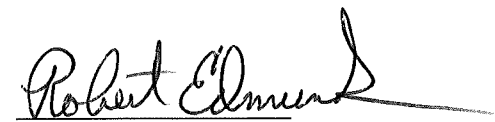
The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rob Ramrath, Town Administrator. All votes unanimous unless otherwise indicated. The next meeting is March 6, 2024, at 7:00 PM at the Town Hall Offices.

Selectboard:

Rock Webster, Chair


Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair


Robert Edmunds