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SELECTBOARD MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2024

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Present: Rock Webster (Chair), Richard Lancaster (Vice Chair), Bob Edmunds
Also Present: Rob Ramrath (Town Administrator), Chuck Campbell.

Regular Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Review Agenda

Rob was contacted by Linda Treash prior to the meeting who requested that item 5A be postponed. Item 8D was stricken from the agenda as a typographic error.

3. Public Comments

An email from Christina Chamberlin commenting on road conditions was read into the record. Chuck Campbell attended and also offered comments on the roads with a particular request for more sanding.

4. Review/Approve Minutes January 3, 2024

The minutes were approved.

5. Old Business

~~A. Old Fire Station Next Steps & Ideas, Linda Treash – Discuss~~

6. Danforth Library Trustee Resignation and New Appointment – Consider

via e-mail Kassie Tibbott-Hull had forwarded her resignation letter from the Danforth Library Trustees. The Selectboard accepted Kassie's resignation. The Selectboard thanks Kassie for her service. Via e-mail the trustees put forward Susan Reynolds to fill the vacant position which expires March of 2024. The Selectboard voted to appoint Susan to the vacancy and thanks her for her willingness to serve.

7. Town & Highway Operations – Review

Rob presented a letter from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation Waste Management and Preservation Division. The letter alleges a violation by Barnard citing 24 VSA § 2202a, Municipalities-Responsibilities for solid waste. The letter alleges that the White River Alliance failed to have approved an update solid waste implementation plan (SWIP) by July 1st 2023. As Barnard is a member of the White River Alliance, it is named as violator along with other member towns. Typically, the management of the White River Alliance is responsible for filing the SWIP and Barnard has never had an active role in the activity. This is an expected service of the White River Alliance, covered by our membership fees. The Selectboard directed Rob to contact White River Alliance management to understand when the violation will be corrected.

Bob reported that we have had breakdowns of multiple town trucks, with one of the 10-wheelers out of service with hydraulics issues. The one-ton truck just came back from repair.

Rob reported that the work with our new FEMA consultants is going well to recover costs from the July 2023 flood. Rob also reported the availability of a new Electric Vehicle DC Fast Charger grant. The Selectboard gave Rob the authority to pursue the grant.

Bob & Richard reported they would be able to staff the Transfer Station on Saturday January 27, 2024. The Transfer Station had been announced previously as closed on this day. The Selectboard directed Rob to put out an announcement that the Transfer Station would be open from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

8. 2024 Town Meeting Topics

A. FY25 Budget – Final Review

The fiscal 2025 budget was finalized.

B. Warning – Review & Sign

The Selectboard reviewed and signed the warning for the 2024 town meeting.

C. DRAFT 2024 Town Report – Review

The Selectboard reviewed and approved the draft 2024 Town Report for publication.

~~**D. Postpone 1/17/2024 Selectboard Meeting to 1/24/24 – Vote**~~

9. AOT Annual Highway Mileage Statement – Review & Sign

The AOT Annual Highway Mileage Statement was signed.

10. RFPs For Flood Repairs – Review

Rob reviewed requests for proposals for engineering design for repair work on three damage sites from the July 2023 floods: Lakota Rd Bridge, Lime Pond Rd bank slide & Lime Pond Rd culvert. The Selectboard approved the RFPs and authorized Rob to publicly post them.

11. Tax Map Maintenance Contract – Review

The tax map maintenance contract was reviewed and approved.

12. Town Hall Generator Replacement Quotes – Review

The stator on the town hall generator melted and destroyed itself. Due to the age of the generator, repair is not financially viable. Rob obtained two quotes for the generator replacement. The Selectboard approved the quote from Brook Field Service for \$6,960.00 for a 10KW Kohler replacement. The selection was based on competitive pricing, available accessories, and service capabilities. The Selectboard gave Rob authority to finalize the contract with Brook Field Service.

13. Review/Approve Town & Highway Orders for 1/9/24, 1/16/24, 1/23/24


The town & Highway Orders were reviewed and approved.

14. Adjourn

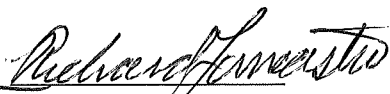
The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

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

Selectboard:



Rock Webster, Chair



Richard Lancaster, Vice Chair



Robert Edmunds