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Selectboard Meeting

December 26, 2019

Selectboard Member's present: Chair Howard Hall, Teresa Smith and Zachary Weaver. Also present was Town Clerk/Treasurer Pam Correia and Bob Groff.

At 6:38pm, Howard Hall called the meeting to order.

2. There were no additions, removals, or adjustments to the agenda.
3. Teresa Smith moved to approve the December 10, 2019 Special Selectboard meeting minutes, with no corrections. Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed. Teresa Smith moved to approve the December 10, 2019 minutes, with no corrections. Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed. Zachary Weaver moved to approve the December 18, 2019 Special Selectboard meeting minutes, with no corrections. Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.
4. Public Comments – There were no public comments.
5. South Road Trail – Howard Hall advised that he had consulted with an attorney on behalf of the Town to obtain a legal recommendation for Hans and Gerard Vorsteveld regarding South Road. Howard added that a letter has been composed from the Selectboard to Hans Vorsteveld in this matter and a copy of the letter will become part of the record. Howard stated that Hans Vorsteveld was observed at the last Selectboard meeting taking the Right-of-Way Ordinance to review it and he added that if Hans does not want to read or look at the letter, it is his choice and the document speaks for itself.
6. Town Auditors – Bob Groff stated on behalf of the Town Auditor's that they would like to see the Town Hall Restoration Fund redesignated and given the new title of "Town Betterment Fund". The Board expressed their favoritism of the language and keeping the wording less specific but showed concern about the term "betterment". Pam Correia confirmed that in order

to change the wording and usage of the fund, a public hearing would be needed. Bob suggested to the Board the disbanding of the Town's local auditor's as they do not have formal training nor are they CPA's. He added that they are looking for what is best for the Town and the Town should continue to use professional auditors. Bob suggested bringing the item up at the next Town Meeting and give the voters the opportunity to decide. Howard Hall stated that he likes having the auditor's involved.

7. Town of Panton Lease Lands – The Board briefly discussed the lease lands within the Town. Any interest in the lease lands in the Town of Panton is due to expire on January 1, 2020. The Town must release any interest in the lease lands unless the interest is retained. Zachary Weaver moved that the Town of Panton affirmatively retain ownership of all of the perpetual lease lands within the Town of Panton pursuant to 24 VSA § 2409(b)(1), Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.

8. Review/Approval of Accounts Payable Warrant, Timesheets, and Financials – The accounts payable warrant, timesheets, and November financials were reviewed. Howard Hall moved to accept the November financials as written, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Pam Correia presented the Board with a funding request from the American Legion to help purchase flags to put at the Panton cemeteries. Teresa Smith moved to pay the American Legion \$80 for Memorial Day observance flags, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed. The Board also briefly discussed the process going forward relevant to how the mowing invoices will be handled for the cemetery. Teresa Smith moved that the Cemetery Association now has to tell their mowers that they have to bill the Town directly, Howard Hall seconded. The motion passed.

Pam Correia advised the Board that the accounts payable warrant included an expense to Rouse Tire Sales in the amount of \$4,947.12. Pam requested that this expense be covered by the Tire Fund. Howard Hall moved to pay \$4,947.12 out of the Tire Fund, Zachary Weaver seconded. The motion passed.

The Board briefly discussed the timeline to finalize the FY21 budget and determined they would finalize the budget at the January 14, 2019 Special Selectboard meeting.

9. Communications – The Board briefly discussed the South Road Trail and conveyed that it should be treated the same as Turkey Lane.

10. Executive session to discuss pending litigation under the provisions of 1 VSA § 313(a)(1)(F) - The Board did not go into executive session as it was not needed.

At 7:10pm, Zachary Weaver moved to adjourn the meeting, Teresa Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Correia
Town Clerk/Treasurer