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Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

In Attendance: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Member Zach Weaver, Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Groff, DRB Chairman David Raphael, Road Foreman Rick Cloutier, Town Clerk-Treasurer Maggie McCormick

1. Howard called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Call to order
2. Additions/deletions to agenda
 - a. Howard moved to add appointment of new member to the Appraisal Research Committee to the agenda. Zach seconded. All in favor: the motion passed.
 - b. Item 6, Zoning Administrator was removed from the agenda.
3. Zach moved to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2021 Selectboard meeting as written. Howard seconded. All in favor; the minutes were approved.
4. Road Foreman's Report
 - a. Salt shed to be delivered August 17th.
 - b. Equipment barn; constructed with screws and hurricane clips.
 - c. Rubberized chip sealing will begin on August 17th.
 - i. Vorsteveld Farm and Allendale Farm have agreed to keep farm equipment off the roads.
 - d. Paving will start August 11, 2021 and continue through next week.
 - i. Panton Road from Basin Harbor Road to the bridge.
 - ii. Adam's Ferry from Vergennes Panton Water District building to the ramp, including shoulder work and repair of the hole there.
5. DRB Chairman
 - a. Arnold Bay Municipal Planning Grant
 - i. Address parking, signage, alternative path from parking lot to beach, and portable toilet location.
 - ii. Host a meeting at Arnold Bay either August 31 or September 1 evening, inviting the public to "walk and talk" at the site and distribute use questionnaire.
 - iii. Create a committee of interested people.
 - b. Planning and Environmental Linkages Study (PELS) for Vergennes Economic Corridor
 - i. Second Technical Committee meeting held on August 5

1. Outreach plan for remainder of 2021: establish website; one more Technical Committee meeting; one more Policy Committee meeting; coordination meetings with VTrans; presentation to each of the seven involved municipalities (Panton presentation will be part of the 10/12 Selectboard meeting); meet with all stakeholders.
 2. A robust analysis of possible alternative solutions will be done since the bypass project is estimated to cost \$25 to \$30 million.
6. Zoning Administrator: Removed.
7. Emergency Management Coordinator's Report
 - a. Covid cases rising locally and nationally
 - b. Governor cannot mandate masks unless another state of emergency is declared
 - c. Local mask requirements are permissible
 - d. EM is considering booster shots
 - e. Bob will attend FEMA training on September 9 and 10, 2021
 - f. Bob will attend Local Hazard Mitigation Plan training on September 30, 2021.
8. Clerk-Treasurer
 - a. Jackman Fuels pre-buy
 - i. Zac moved to pre-buy 1000 gallons #2 fuel for the garage on the monthly budget plan. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
 - ii. Clerk will contact Green Mountain Power about Town Hall agreement on LPG assistance as part of the energy efficiency partnership.
 - b. Use of Town Hall
 - i. Selectboard does not want to charge users for the use of Town Hall
 - ii. Clerk and Selectboard will work on storage solution for chairs, documents, and miscellaneous items to clean up the room.
 - c. VMCTA membership and conference
 - i. Clerk given Selectboard approval for professional memberships and education.
9. Communications
 - a. Vergennes-Panton Water District
 - i. Clerk reported the Town has received an updated map of local water lines.
 - ii. VPWD is in the process of identifying projects for ARPA funds request and will contact the Town once more specific outcomes are identified.
 - b. Judi Fisher appreciation of road crew
10. Public comments: none.
11. Review/approval of accounts payable warrant, timesheets & payroll warrant
 - a. Howard moved to approve the timesheets and payroll and accounts payable warrants. Zach seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
12. Zach moved to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and Junk Ordinance enforcement. Howard seconded. All in favor; the board entered executive session at 6:24.
 - a. Zach moved to exit executive session. Howard seconded. All in favor; the board returned to open session at 6:32No action was taken during executive session.
13. Zach moved to adjourn the meeting. Howard seconded. All in favor; the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie McCormick
Clerk-Treasurer

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