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Selectboard Agenda

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

5:30 p.m.

Attendees via Zoom: Selectboard Chair Howard Hall, Selectboard Vice-Chair Teresa Smith, Selectboard Member Zachary Weaver, Emergency Management Coordinator Bob Groff, Clerk-Treasurer Maggie McCormick, Sharon Ashcraft

1. Howard called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
2. Additions/deletions to agenda: None
3. Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Selectboard meeting
 - a. Teresa moved to approve the May 11, 2021 Selectboard meeting minutes as written. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
4. Public comments
 - a. Maggie reported that the Tree Warden will follow-up with the Vorstevelds on the removal of cut trees along the South Road ROW.
5. Emergency Management Coordinator's Report
 - a. Continuation of Operations feedback due from Town officials and clerk by June 1.
 - b. Vaccinated people don't have to wear masks
 - i. Selectboard has authority to make mask and other rules for Town Hall.
 - ii. Recommends the Town keep up contact tracing log.
 1. C-T reported that staff has been doing so and plans to keep doing so.
 - c. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan still in progress.
 - d. EMC continues to work on pandemic handbook.
 - e. River Corridor Protection Plan is $\frac{3}{4}$ done; determining whether Development Review Board needs to wight in.
6. Clerk Treasurer's Update
 - a. Tax collections are largely complete with only about \$54,000 delinquent.
 - b. The school tax payment of \$795,049.27 is included in the current AP warrant.
 - c. Hopkins Road bulletin board:
 - i. Replacement delivered but damaged Another one being shipped expected to arrive at the end of June. Howard reported that the wooden posts are made and ready for installation.
 - ii. Current public posting locations are Town Hall, Town Garage, BJ's Farm Supply on Panton Road, and the Town website. Pantonvt.us.

7. Communications
 - a. Proposed Ordinances/Policies will be developed in the coming weeks:
 - i. Parking in turn arounds ordinance
 - ii. Speed limits ordinance
 - iii. Records retention policy
 - iv. Bidding contracts/purchases policy
 - b. Cemeteries
 - i. Hawley Cemetery mowing has come up. C-T suggested that selectboard might consider a voted article on cemeteries for Town Meeting 2022.
 - c. The portable toilet at Arnold's Bay had the securing cable cut and it was thrown into the lake between 9:30 p.m. Saturday night and 9:00 a.m. Sunday morning.
 - i. Rick pulled it out and it is currently at the Town Garage.
 - d. Posts for equipment barn will be completed this week.
 - i. The ClearSpan contract is being revised by ClearSpan to incorporate warranty amendments deemed necessary by T-C.
 - ii. Road crew has discussed demolition of salt shed and old schoolhouse
 1. If no one wants to claim and re-locate the old schoolhouse, it will be demolished.
 - iii. The Equipment Barn front side will be green with the back white and the third side white.
 - e. Thank you from Addison County Retired Teachers Association.
 - i. Both Susanne Slayton and Carol Kress wrote to thank the Selectboard for the use of Town Hall on May 15 and reported that everyone thought the space was lovely.
8. Review/approval of accounts payable warrant, timesheets & payroll warrant
 - a. Teresa moved to accept the timesheets, payroll, and AP warrants. Howard seconded. All in favor; the motion passed.
9. Teresa asked to discuss mask policies:
 - a. Bob Groff replied that businesses and non-profit and government entities shall continue to implement measures notifying unvaccinated customers or clients of the requirement to wear masks or facial coverings in public indoor spaces. This notice may include, but shall not be limited to, posting signage stating that masks or cloth facial coverings are required and denial of entry or service to customers or clients who decline to wear masks or facial coverings.
 - b. Vaccination reporting on "honor system."
 - c. C-T reported that everyone who has come to Town Hall has worn a mask and has been asked if they would like staff to wear a mask, told that staff has completed vaccination, and, if they are vaccinated, staff is okay with them not wearing a mask. Selectboard agreed to proceed according to staff comfort level
10. Sharon Ashcraft asked about rules for having fires on the Arnold Bay beach.
11. Executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation
 - a. Sandy Fogg joined the meeting at 5:56 p.m.
 - b. Teresa moved to enter executive session. Howard seconded. All in favor, the board entered executive session at 6:03 p.m.

- c. Teresa moved to exit executive session. Howard seconded. All in favor, the board returned to open session at 6:07 p.m.
12. The Selectboard discussed the summer meeting schedule and determined to maintain the twice-monthly meetings starting at 5:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.
13. Zach asked for re-cap of portable toilet incident and received it.
14. P Howard reported that the wood needed for the Hopkins Road bulletin board stand cost \$400.00. Building supply costs continue to rise due to the pandemic.
15. Teresa moved to adjourn the meeting. Zach seconded. All in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Maggie McCormick,
Clerk-Treasurer