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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Select Board Attendees: Gerry Bergeron, Justin Kaczowski, Marie Saucier

Recorder: Jennifer Falk

Attendees: Julie Pavia, Brenda Smith, Jen Downs, Jackie Metsma, Jaan Metsma, Melanie Glynn, Cathy Holland, Michael Beatty

Meeting called to order at 5:00 PM by G. Bergeron, J. Kaczowski second the meeting.

Minutes:

- Minutes for August 22nd 2023, reviewed, approved and signed by board.
- **Letter from US Treasury Department – How to proceed?**
 - Bev is accountable for this.
 - M. Saucier will contact Brendan Sweeney at Treasury (857.338.0011) to discuss how to proceed.
- **Stephanie Harris' appointment to Parks Commission**
 - Selectboard signed and approved appointment until next election.
- **Eversource documents : Request for public hearing**
 - Pole hearing scheduled for October 4, 2023, 5:30PM
 - Mailers given to town clerk
 - Posting will occur : Town Hall notice board, Town website, Berkshire Eagle
- **Sustainable Materials Recovery Programs: Linda Cernik's email**
 - This document was a notification of regarding the negotiation of prices
 - Gerry plans to talk to L. Cernik

- **Business licenses**
 - Brenda presented her research on proper protocol
 - Notable items: Town Clerks issue business licenses; Licenses good for 4 years; \$40 flat fee for four years from issuance
 - The practice needs readjustment, but Selectboard indicated more research was necessary.
 - Gerry plans to discuss this matter, along with the documents provided by Brenda to attorney.

- **Permit fees:** Permit fees should be looked at again
- **Financial analysis:** M. Glynn requested a financial analysis on the Business license/permit fee issue
- **Highway job opening**
 - The job description will be posted on the website and Berkshire Jobs, with addition of “road grader experience preferred or willing to learn”.
 - The Selectboard will review “The Town of Savoy Personnel Book” rev. 21
- **Discussion of repair of grader:**
 - Can repair at John Deere. Needs center pins, bushings, tires and more. Quote for tires was \$7367. \$4350 another quote for tires.
 - Funding could come from ARPA money. M. Glynn’s transition plan has information on the ARPA Plan.
- **Discussion of other vehicles**
 - Current quote to tow one vehicle back to Savoy: \$980
 - We need to either tow and fix here or fix where they are
 - Most likely they can be fixed for less money if we tow them here
 - Because we need the vehicles, the Board approved hauling them back
- **State owned land PILOT program request for information (via email)**
 - This request was given to assessors
- **Lo Harnett submitted questions via email:**
 - Will the town have virtual meetings? – Not at the moment
 - What is the town doing about the vacant road position? – Job being posted this week
 - Any town member can call Gerry for more information.
- **Request for liquor license renewal:** N/a because no one has a liquor license
- **Finance committee:** Possibility of C. Kosinski joining. It was suggested that the Selectboard not have designated seats on finance committee. They could review only what is relevant.
- **Cathy Holland @ Jackson Road:** Described poor state of her road, debris on side of road, road is getting washed out, drainage pipe across road, hasn’t been graded in years. Issue attending to the road because of beaver conservation. Mike Hubby might know about the beaver issue. Gerry will go look at the situation. Bill used: Beaver Solutions 413.695.0484 . \$1585.00

- **IT update:** J. Downs informed that everything is working properly and she is going to close out the grant. SB signed the balance sheet for grant. M. Glynn requested copy of contract.
- **Question:** Did we sign the Adams COA contract? J. Falk will investigate
- **Suggestion to change meeting times from 6:00 – 8:00** to allow more people to attend
- **Treasury warrants signed**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM by G. Bergeron, Second by J. Kaczowski

Gerry Bergeron (Chair)

Justin Kaczowski

Marie Saucier