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Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

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

Recorder: Jennifer Falk

Attendees: Julie Pavia, Brenda Smith, Dan Harris, Steph Harris, John Maher, Karen Harwood, Michael Harwood, Samantha Zwirba

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM by G. Bergeron, J. Kaczowski second the meeting.

Minutes:

- Minutes for September 9, 2023, reviewed, approved and signed by board.
- **Town Audit**
 - Marie talked to Bev. Funds have been allocated.
 - RE: Requests for proposals: State has a list of auditors. They can be sent RFPs.
 - Marie will continue to work on it and check in with Bev.
- **Comprehensive list of committees and appointment expirations.**
 - We need a capital improvement committee. Requires representatives from several of the other committees.
 - Need to fill the planning board.
 - Steph Harris and Marie will be on the capital improvements committee.
 - Brenda needs to appoint someone from the planning committee.
 - A letter needs to be sent to the school to request an appointee to the capital improvement committee.
- **Request for information from C. Najimy via email re: Tannery Road**
 - Dan Harris said that he is currently working with an engineer and work should start soon.
- **Update on open highway superintendent position**
 - Select Board wishes to interview candidates at the October 10 meeting.
- **ARPA update**
 - Marie attended a webinar. It seems there is complex paperwork involved.
 - Agreed that we should spend the available funds.

- Projects must be started by December 24, 2023, and completed by December 2026.
- It is geared towards helping people below the poverty line.
- Steph and Dan Harris will work with Marie to determine a suitable project.
- **Update on CH90 and WRAP: re: B. Drosehn's email**
 - CH90: work on Chapel Road and Briar Road. Work is complete. Work involved: chip seal, culverts, on 4 roads, between \$100,000 - \$170,000.
 - WRAP grant: part of it went to CH90. Doesn't seem to be a lot of information available. There is an application but no indication on how the money was spent.
- **Allegiant trucks: Bev will fill out credit application.**
- **Repair of grader and other vehicles**
 - The green truck is back. The other two trucks are back.
 - We have an estimate from Superior Springs. Agreed that we should pursue this estimate.
 - The mechanic who worked on the green truck is making an estimate for the other truck.
 - Grader: Agreed it needs to be fixed. We need to find available funds. An STM might be necessary for allocation.
 - The sander was hit by a tree.
 - We can't sell the army truck because it was a gift from the military.
- **Finance committee: Brenda says that the Finance Committee will need to put together a proposal to cover the overage of FY23.**
- **John Maher from Charter/Spectrum on installing fiber internet throughout Savoy:**
 - Charter has grants to build in rural areas
 - Wants to build fiber throughout Savoy
 - Currently working in Florida
 - MBI. Says state is putting up money to fill the gap between the grants they have and the total cost, so the cost for Savoy could be 0\$.
 - Says it could be completed quickly.
 - As soon as we sign, they can get started.
 - John will send a franchise agreement and timelines.
 - We would need to figure out what to do with Wi Valley, how this would impact our contract.
 - Our attorney will review Spectrum's franchise agreement, especially in relation to Wi Valley.
- **Blue Sky**
 - Concern about gray water going into the ground and lack of permit.
 - Phil needs to approve and provide permit.
 - They want to live in their yurt while building their house. Still needs to be inspected.
 - An outhouse is permissible while you are building.
 - Gerry will contact Phil. Jen will find the file.

- **Legislative Breakfast in Beckett, October 13.**
 - Marie and Gerry will attend.
- **Meeting time will return to 5:00**
- **Treasury warrants signed**

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM by G. Bergeron, Second by J. Kaczowski, Third by M. Saucier



Gerry Bergeron (Chair)



Justin Kaczowski



Marie Saucier