Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, September 24th, 2024, 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:

Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Ron Graves (Ron), Michael Jordan (Mike)
Town Clerk/Treasurer/Selectboard Assistant: Patti Lewis
Assistant Town Clerk(s): Madi Vasseur, Sarah Stavraky
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman (via recording)
Guests: Josh Livingston, Seneca Whittingham (MRVTV), Matt Campbell, Casey Murphy, Sam Jackson

Meeting called to order by Chuck.

Approve Minutes of September 10th Selectboard Meeting*: Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Dorothy Langevin; the Doug Mosle Reappraisal discussion is tabled to next meeting

Public Comments: Casey Murphy, representing Dunbar Hill residents, stated a concern about the condition of the road at this time. If things don't change by winter, it may not be able to be plowed. It's rough; very wash boarded with loose rocks. Josh: It is on the schedule to be top coated; it is the next road to be done, probably in 3 weeks to 1 month before we can start, but it is on the priority list.

Cash Flow Report: Sarah presented the cash flow report. This report also includes a summary of flood expenses. The report is now set up and will be updated periodically in the future. Chuck suggested that we review this report once a month.

Sam Jackson, GMVS Road Events: This is the third year of the event; Jared has historically been their point of contact. In the past, the sand pit was used for the obstacle course, and Jared brought that proposal to the board, and it was approved year over year. Mike: It is necessary to check in with us moving forward, as we may ask for signage in some places. Sam: I agree that signage would be helpful and possibly posting in the Front Porch Forum will be helpful to provide advance notice of the events to locals. Chuck: In the future, when you know what the event plan is going to be, contact the Town Clerk to get on the agenda, and then we can review your plans and make suggestions as needed.

Gravel Pit: Mike said that there is no progress on this project to report. He suggested that McCain start working on the survey; Mike will follow up with him to get this going. This won't interfere with McCullough's work.

Road Foreman Update: Josh: We are top coating roads and changing culverts. Smith Road is complete; Sharpshooter is almost complete (still need to install large culvert and put down some more topcoat at the bottom). The culvert on Center Fayston near Murphy Road is done. Ron: How long have we had the culvert at the top of Dunbar Hill Road? Josh: Not sure. It was changed out this week. We couldn't do it until we had the material to complete the topcoat. Chuck: Are we still running trucks to get gravel? Josh: Yes. Chuck: Has there been any research done as to whether we can speed up the approval for FEMA to cover the upsizing of the culvert being upsized from 5'-8'? Patti: I think part of the answer

is sitting in my email box. Josh: We have received a quote for the paving repairs on North Fayston Road and German Flats, it's less than the last one we received as we will be doing part of the work. I'm hoping that we can get this done before winter. He said he will do everything he can weather permitting to do it in that timeframe.

Mike moved to approve the work and award the paving contract to JA McDonald. Ron seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Temporary Bridges Update: Chuck said that there has been some work done on the Randell Road bridge; the old structure appears to have been cleared out. They hope that September 30th will be the start date to begin installation of the temporary bridge: Ron: It looks like they have a piece of equipment at Airport Road as well. Chuck: We hope the work will all be done before winter. The contractor said that he will update Patti regularly on their progress so she can report to the Selectboard.

RFP for Design/Build for Permanent Bridges: Patti has four RFPs prepared for the design and build of each bridge. Mike: How about we bundle the design of the two bridges and also the build of the two bridges? Ron: If we do, we might be able to get a better deal as it will be a more attractive job for a contractor. Chuck: How do we come up with the scope of work for these? Mike: Maybe we can get a sample of an RFP from the Town of Marshfield who prepared RFPs for six bridges of similar size. We can post the RFP on the site where potential contractors will view it. Patti: We will need to try to get three bids. Mike: We will want to have the engineering/design portion of the work completed in the Spring, so that they may be constructed next year, and we don't incur the cost of an additional year of temporary bridges. Chuck: We will review this again at the next meeting.

Road Crew Recruitment: Chuck: We have had one response to our ad. This can be discussed in the executive session. However, if we have no one available, we will have to discuss what our options will be. Ron: Waitsfield and Warren are also looking (but no CDL required by Waitsfield). Chuck: Let's put it on the agenda again at the next meeting and ask for Josh to be present for that discussion. Madi: Perhaps we can also put the ad up on Indeed.

Liquor License: None

Other Business

Ron: Regarding GMVS -- they used to pay taxes, now as a school, they make a donation. And every time they purchase a house, that building comes off the grand list. How does that work? Patti: We can ask Doug. If it's part of the school, will be approved to come off the tax rolls.

Chuck: I stopped by Dorothy Langevin's to look at the culvert. Kingsbury had told her it was blocked. They told her they would send a report to the Town (which hasn't been received). The fire department looked at it and said they couldn't remove the blockage. She shared photos. Her request is that we not give up on addressing this situation for her. She would like us to consider moving forward with replacement of the culvert. Madi: There is a machine that Stuart was considering using. Mike: The real problem in her yard is from a cut out/swale where the water is coming down the road through the woods and over her property.

Read Mail and Sign Warrant

Executive Session

Ron made the motion to go into executive session at 7:02 pm. Mike seconded, All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Mike made the motion to close the executive session at 7:31 pm. Ron seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

Actions Taken: Peter Ferwarda will be asked to come in for a road department interview.
-The Employee handbook will be revisited by Chuck and Patti.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Silverman

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Approved: Chuck Martel