Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, November 26th, 2024, 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:

Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Ron Graves (Ron)
Town Clerk /Selectboard Assistant: Madi Vasseur
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman (via Zoom)
Guests: David Frank

Meeting called to order by Chuck at 6:00 pm

Approve Minutes of November 12th Selectboard Meeting: *Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Approve Budget Meeting Minutes of November 13th: *Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Approve Budget Meeting Minutes of November 19th: *Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Fire department budget

Public Comments: David Frank: Road crew did a great job on the roads today

Municipal Building Parking Lot Lighting – David Frank

David Frank passed around the estimate received for parking lot lighting. The scope of the estimate includes (4) lights (standard downcast pole LED lights 20' off the ground), however David believes three lights will be sufficient. The estimate also included power to be run out to the parking lot for the lights as well as for wiring for a two-space vehicle charging station.

Ron: If we are applying for a grant for charging stations in the future, the wiring would be included in that project, so we shouldn't plan to run the wiring for the charging station when we do the parking lot lighting

Chuck: If there are leftover ARPA funds, we will need to assign them before the end of the year or we lose them. To include this project for consideration for these funds, we would need to get the modified estimate (removing the contingency and EV wiring from the estimate presented) so that we can earmark the funds for this project. David will revise the estimate accordingly. Ron: We have until the end of 2026 to spend the funds.

RFP for the Two Bridge Designs

The board acknowledged that they received a design bid from East Engineering in Richmond Vermont. There is not a firm dollar amount in the bid, which we normally request. The bid is for a percentage of

the total cost of the bridge installation. The contractor has assured the Board that this type of bid will be acceptable to FEMA. This decision will be tabled until the next meeting when all members of the Board will be present to discuss it

Road Foreman Update

Chuck: Road crews were out sanding this morning. They are setting up trucks for winter, getting plows on, etc. On German Flats the speed radar sign will be set up: the signposts are in; they will be programmed tomorrow morning. The school district has agreed to maintain it, and tomorrow they will be instructed on how to do that.

Madi: Josh was riding with FEMA today as well. FEMA has now visited most locations. There is a new representative assigned to us; they will visit us every Tuesday. Chuck: Until the projects are 100% complete, the funds will not be transferred to us. Ron: Since Dunbar Hill is the main road to complete for the FEMA road projects, we should make this a top priority for the coming year.

Schedule Future Budget Meetings

December 11th 5:30 pm
December 16th, 5:30 pm (Wrap up Session)
Due to the Holiday, we moved the December 24,2024 Selectboard meeting to December 30,2024 @ 6:00PM.

Excess Weight Permits

Approved the permit Raymond LaPete, 187 Ward Road, Monroe NH, for logging.

Liquor License Renewal(s)

None

Other Business

Fire department budget: Ron attended the meeting to discuss the Fire Department budget. He reported that the budget isn't expected to change much, however, they are talking about getting paid in the future (they are currently all volunteers). They accept donations for refilling people's swimming pools, etc., and Ron stated that this is a good thing, it enables them to hold activities such as educational events. Tripp will no longer be fire chief. They are looking to purchase a truck so that volunteers don't have to drive personal vehicles to the scene. Based on this, Ron anticipates that the budget will continue to go up. Ron stated that he didn't receive a copy of the proposed budget; perhaps Madi could ask for the budget from them.

Read Mail and Sign Warrant

Executive Session – Legal Matter

Ron moved to go into executive session at 6:59 pm; Chuck seconded. All in favor, motion carried. 7:15 Chuck made a motion to close Executive session, Ron seconded.

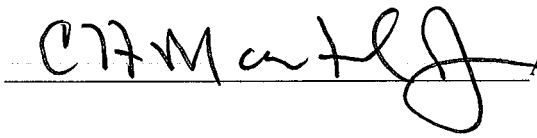
Action Taken:

The Selectboard agreed to accept option number three that was proposed to the board by our Town Attorney Jim Barlow.

7:17pm Chuck made a motion to adjourn, Ron Seconded. All in Favor, Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Silverman


Approved: Chuck Martel