Town of Fayston, Vermont
Wednesday, September 10th, 2024, 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:

Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Michael Jordan (Mike)
Assistant Town Clerk: Madi Vasseur
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman
Guests: Stuart Halstrom, Sam Robinson, Seneca Whittingham (MRVTV), Red Goodman, Dorothy Langevin

Meeting called to order by Chuck at 6:09 pm.

Approve Minutes of August 28th Selectboard Meeting*: Mike moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: Reexamine the Griffin and Theurer bills

Public Comments: None

6:00 p.m. Sam Robinson

Sam Robinson presented an update on the MRV Wellbeing Survey**.** Some interesting takeaways:

- "Material well-being" declined between 2021 and 2024, due to people's perception of MRV affordability
- Compared to State, people's perception of the "Physical Health" in MRV was better
- People are able to spend time doing what they enjoy
- "Governance" ratings decreased since 2021, due to a decrease in perception of state level government
- Open-ended "Strengths" of living in MRV: Community, people; nature, beauty
- Open-ended "Challenges" of living in MRV: Housing; lack of diversity; some lack of essential services
- Open-ended "Big Picture Changes You'd Like to See": Housing; community center, taxes

Detailed information on the survey is available on the MRVPD website.

6:30 p.m. Sam Jackson – GMVS Road Event(s)

No representative from GMVS in attendance

Letter to ANR re: Temporary Bridge Needs

Letter to express that emergency exists for the temporary bridge on Airport and Randell Roads. Chuck signed the letter.

Design/Build of Permanent Bridges (Mike Jordan)

Mike: I researched the various options for design build; the design/build bid would be more compliant with FEMA's needs but otherwise no greater efficiencies of doing it that way. I suggest we put out an

RFP for engineering services. There is an extension process and FEMA regularly gives extensions; the 270-day limit shouldn't be a big restriction. Chuck: Perhaps we check with FEMA before we send out the first RFP.

Rankin Road Owners Request for Culvert

Red Goodman: My understanding is that the Town will source a 3' culvert for us (Chris Griffin will be doing the work). We were hoping to expedite this process. Chuck: We offered to source it and sell it to you at cost. Do we have that size available? Stuart: They need 40' (we have 20'); we may not have all the culvert you need at the moment. Red: Our residents and FEMA are looking for an estimate. Stuart: We should know the price and can get that information to you. Patti has the invoices that will give you that information. Red will call Patti.

Red: Also, I've noticed on Airport Road; people are going up the road and turning around due to the bridge being out; can we put up a "not a through road" sign at base of Airport Road. Stuart will check with Waitsfield and request that they put it up at the end of the road. Stuart: This is especially important for trucks.

Dorathy Langevin – Culvert Near Her Home Replacement

Dorothy: Culvert near Sharpshooter is plugged up. The Fire Department came once and flushed it out. But it's plugged up again. When the water comes down, it wrecks my yard. FEMA came to the house and said that the culvert is undersized for the amount of water coming down Sharpshooter. Also, the culvert by the island is plugged.

Stuart: Kingsbury is renting a vactor; I can get that one or call Manosh; we will get the vactor up there We are putting an 8' culvert on Sharpshooter which will hopefully mitigate future clogging of culverts downstream on Sharpshooter.

Radar Feedback Sign Purchase $10,680.00

This was previously approved and was coming out of ARPA. This price went up a little bit since the original approval.

Chuck moved to approve the updated purchase amount and move forward with the project. Mike seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Liquor License

None.

Other Business

Road Foreman Update: Sharpshooter done except the culvert. Stagecoach almost done. Bragg Hill grant is done. Now we are putting in a lot of culverts; folks should expect road closures. We still have trucks hauling. Chuck: How many loads so far? Stuart: We have 2,000 (out of about 5,000 that we will likely need).

Chuck: What is the status of the approval of the McDonald bid on patchwork on blacktop (German Flats, North Fayston) Stuart: We are waiting on other bids and an update from McDonald.

Revised invoices from Theurer Landwork and Griffin were reviewed. The bills have the additional details needed to be submitted to FEMA.

Chuck moved to approve both bills for payment, Mike seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Read Mail and Sign Warrant

No mail.

Motion to Adjourn

Mike moved to adjourn the meeting; Chuck seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Silverman

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Approved: Chuck Martel