Minutes of the Selectboard Meeting
Town of Fayston, Vermont
Tuesday, December 10th, 2024, 6:00 pm
At Robert Vasseur Town Hall

Attendees:

Select Board Members: Chuck Martel (Chuck), Ron Graves (Ron), Michael Jordan (Mike)
Town Clerk /Selectboard Assistant: Madi Vasseur
Minutes Taker: Eve Silverman (via Zoom)
Guests: Laura Arnesen

Meeting called to order by Chuck at 6:00 pm

Approve Minutes of November 26th Selectboard Meeting: *Ron moved to approve. Chuck seconded, all in favor, motion carried, minutes approved.*

Additions/Deletions to Agenda: MRVPD letter regarding Health Center closure

Public Comments: None

Mad River Valley Recreation District Update- Laura Arnesen

Laura thanked the Selectboard for funding the Recreation District and the Visioning project. She presented the budget and stated that they are asking for level funding ($40,000) from the three founding towns. In addition, they are approaching Moretown which will be voting to increase their participation and support of Mad River Park.

Laura reviewed the accomplishments of 2024, particularly the work done as part of the VOREC grant. Most of the grant reimbursements are complete; they received a three-month extension due to some delays this past year. The CRV is almost complete; this will continue after the grant period. A full description of this work is on the MRVRD website. There was a big anniversary event for the Rec District this year. The Rec District grant program has grown, there are 18 applicants this upcoming year.

For 2025, goals include finishing the VOREC grant and the CRV, improving the grant program, scholarship programs, e-bike lending programs, and more.

Chuck: Is there a list of the organizations who were recipients of the grant program? Laura: Yes, they are posted on the website, along with the previous three years' recipients.

Road Foreman Update

The Road Foreman was unavailable to report at this meeting.

Design Proposal for The Two Bridges- East Engineering

There was no firm dollar amount in the proposal, rather their fee is quoted as a percentage of the construction cost (10% of design plus 5% of construction oversight). They have told us this is not an

unusual way to quote the job. They also informed Madi that they work with FEMA often. Ron: They would need a retainer to begin work, correct? Mike: Maybe they don't need a retainer since they will be paid primarily through our FEMA funds. Chuck: If this is a percentage of the job, how can we know that amount before the end of the job? Ron: We will need to understand what the town is responsible for monetarily throughout the process. If each bridge is $1.2MM, their fees would be an additional $150,000. Madi will follow up with East Engineering to get more information on costs and what they will be working on in 2025.

Appoint an Ethics Liaison- Point of contact for Ethics Commission

Municipalities are required to appoint a liaison to the Vermont State Ethics Commission. Madi has said she's willing to do this.

Chuck moved to appoint Madi as the liaison to the Ethics Commission effective January 1st, Mike seconded. All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

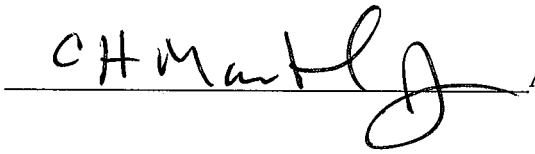
Other Business

MRVPD composed a letter to support efforts in response to the closing of the Health Center; the Board agreed that Chuck could sign it on behalf of the Selectboard.

Read Mail and Sign Warrant

Respectfully submitted,

Eve Silverman



Approved: Chuck Martel