

Town of Waltham

2053 Maple Street

Waltham, VT 05491

Selectboard Minutes 5-6-2024

Members Present: Brent Newton, Rhonda Williams-Chair and Anthony Duprey

Others Present: Chris LaPete, Jeff Glassberg, Cookie Steponaitis & Linda Devino

Rhonda called the meeting to order at 5:58pm.

Chris LaPete began by discussing our dirt roads. He commented that although we have gone over budget with chloride expenses he feels we need to spend more to save the roads. Route 66 needs grading as soon as possible as well as Crosby Heights. Chris said that a number of culverts that cross Maple Street are plugged with debris. He told the board of a company that can reline existing culverts. Brent asked him to get quotes. Chris will get the remainder of the 35mph speed signs up and the signs for the Triangle bike loop signs as well. Brent commented that he feels people are slowing down. Brent will get the data from the electronic speed signs to see if the new speed limit is working.

The grants in process for PC/DRB were discussed. They have a Grant in place to re-write our Town Plan and another for assistance with the Municipal Energy Resilience Program.

The Town Hall renovations were the next topic of discussion. Brent will contact Dan Morris who will become the point person and arrange for the completion of the process.

The town wide reappraisal will begin this June. Brent moved to go ahead with the process Rhonda 2nd and the Board unanimously approved the letters that will go out and the format for information to be put on the website. It was also decided to put a notice in the paper as well.

The gentleman from Otter Creek Engineering was not able to attend the meeting. Jeff went over the financing timeline for the culvert. He will get back to the lenders for confirmation of interest rates. OCE has the easements needed and will begin getting bids. The Board would like to meet with him as soon as possible to move the process along.

Jeff asked the board to reappoint Lisa Sausville and Jeff Glassberg to Addison County Region Planning Commission. Brent moved to appoint them Anthony 2nd and they were unanimously appointed.

The April minutes were reviewed Anthony noted a correction needed. Rhonda moved to approve the minutes with this correction. Brent 2nd and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Financials were reviewed. There was discussion of moving all of our funds into one bank and how the FDIC rules would affect us. The final decision will be made later.

The pay orders were reviewed. Brent moved to approve the amount \$30,887.34. Rhonda 2nd and the amount was unanimously approved.

Correspondence was reviewed. Rhonda reviewed and moved to approve and sign the Local Emergency Management Plan. Anthony 2nd and the LEMP was unanimously approved. The board reviewed a letter received from Diantha & Brian Balch of 1237 Green Street. They and some of their neighbors are concerned with excessive speeding on Green Street. They noted a number of blind driveways and intersections. They made some suggestions including speed bumps flashing lights and warning signs. Brent noted that the new 35mph signs seem to helping and soon the bike loop signs will be put up and they should also help.

The meeting was then unanimously adjourned at 7:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Devino

Clerk / Treasurer

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