

## Selectboard Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2019

Attending: D. Pierce, S. Bergeron, T. Fydenkevez

Village Center Committee: Lorin Starr, Liz Sillin, H. Graves, J. Houle; Mr. Bergeron is also a VCC member.

Meeting recorded and televised by FCAT.

Meeting called to order at 6:40PM

### APPOINTMENTS

Laura Baker, DHCD and Gina Govoni, Executive Director from RDI appeared regarding the 120 N. MAIN STREET PROJECT. Ms. Baker gave a six-month report and noted all appeals have been settled and now they are able to proceed with the next step in the grant application readiness process. The original option agreement is up for renewal and they are requesting the board to proceed with extension approval. Ms. Baker expects they will get invited to apply for the next grant round funding but all requirements for that procedure must be met at application time. It was also noted the roof of the house is in need of immediate repair; it is quickly deteriorating the condition of the structure. She requested, on behalf of RDI, that the town address repairs as soon as possible. Mr. Fydenkevez motion to extend contract agreement option upon review by counsel, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

Ms. Baker also requested the board PREPARE LETTER BY FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR INCLUSION WITH APPLICATION. The focus of the letter should include measures the town has dedicated to move the project forward.

7:00PM. VILLAGE CENTER COMMITTEE (VCC) was posted as a joint meeting with the Selectboard. Members present: Lorin Starr, Liz Sillin, H. Graves, J. Houle, and S. Bergeron. VCC came before the board to review the FINAL DESIGN DIRECTION FOR THE SCHOOL STREET REDESIGN PROJECT. Carlos Nietos from Berkshire Design has been working with the committee throughout the design process and requires a concept selected to meet design requirement phases for the grant. A version of the two designs were previously presented to residents and currently involve the parking design. Residential input and suggestions were taken into consideration. All streetscape work will take place within the public way and will be on the North side of the street. Concept 1 presents parallel parking on School Street with traffic calming measures. Concept 2 presents with head-in or 90-degree parking, offers more parking spaces and traffic calming measures. ADA sidewalks are included in the designs. VCC vote: Mr. Houle motion to accept Design 2 with head-in parking and present future lighting options, Mr. Bergeron second, as a voting member of the VCC. Mr. Bergeron confirmed with Mr. Nietos that the 75% design is still within the same budget. Mr. Pierce motion for Concept 2 as noted with VCC vote, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT - none

MINUTES – Mr. Pierce motion to accept MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 9 AND 10, 2019, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0. Mr. Pierce motion to accept MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2019, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

### 2020 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Fydenkevez motion to approve all license categories as presented, contingent upon satisfactory payment of all required taxes and fees as required by law and town bylaws. Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0.

BLUE HERON REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXTENSION OF HOURS on their Alcohol License for New Year's Eve, until 1:00AM January 1, 2020. Licensees were not required to be present. Mr. Pierce Motion to approve, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

#### SELECTBOARD UPDATES

Mr. Bergeron thanked all of the Town Administrator candidates who were invited for a second interview. It was also noted that the town is fortunate to attract three excellent candidates for the position. Mr. Bergeron proposes candidates: Geoffrey Kravitz and Sara LaValley for further consideration. Mr. Pierce proposes candidates: Geoffrey Kravitz and Sara LaValley for further consideration. Mr. Fydenkevez made a motion to extend offer to Geoffrey Kravitz, Mr. Pierce second, Vote 3-0. Mr. Fydenkevez requested the chair contact Mr. Kravitz to extend offer and negotiate contract; Mr. Bergeron accepted.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence received from the town's WWTP Operator regarding the I/I investigation and recommendations related to recent testing, identifying problems and remedies. Mr. Pierce motion to give permission to Mr. Brynda to proceed with recommendations as noted, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0. The Board discussed the issues with illegal sewer connections and identifying community members who violate. The study and remedies was a follow-up to a recent inspection.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 23, 2019 – Selectboard Meeting
- December 30, 2019 – Selectboard Meeting
- Town Offices Close at noon December 24 and Closed December 25.

Mr. Pierce motion to adjourn at 8:29PM, Mr. Fydenkevez second, Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,



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