



SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES OF 12 APRIL 2022

Members present: Bob Beeman, Judy Bickford, Brian Kellogg, and Don McDowell
Members absent: Jessica Graham
Town staff: Highway Superintendent Kevin Barrows, Fire Chief Dennis DiGregorio, Town Administrator Eric Dodge, Planning Director Todd Thomas, and Finance Director Tina Sweet
Guests: Planning Council Member Steven Foster

Call To Order – Selectboard Chair Bob Beeman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM..

AGENDA CHANGES/ADDITIONS – It was agreed by consensus to add a discussion to the agenda regarding reviewing and approving a revised job description for a Highway Foreman.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss Town Plan Selectboard Revisions – Planning Director Thomas explained that the newest Selectboard version of the 2022-2030 Town Plan was rejected last week by the Village Trustees. Selectboard Member Don McDowell explained that he added the emergencies service building language to the Town Plan after meeting with Police Chief Jason Luneau, and learning that the Police Department requires a bigger space. Fire Chief Dennis DiGregorio said that the existing Fire Station is adequate for at least the next 5 years, and that additional fire trucks are not needed for the foreseeable future. Planning Council Member Steven Foster asked the Selectboard to delete the recently added emergency services building language from the Town Plan so the Town Plan process could be finalized. Mr. Thomas explained that he needed matching Town Plan versions (between the Town and Village) in order to proceed with the warned May 2nd & May 4th public hearings. ***Member McDowell moved to strike the emergency services building language that was added to the Town Plan on April 4th. A vote of 4-0 affirmed the motion.***

Revised Job Description for Highway Foreman – Town Administrator Dodge explained that he is currently trying to hire a new Highway Forman for the Village Garage, but in the process of doing so, it became apparent that the job description needed to be updated. ***Member Bickford moved to accept the revised job description as presented. A vote of 4-0 affirmed the motion.***

Grant funding for municipal buildings – Mr. Dodge said that he was notified by U.S. Representative Peter Welch's Office that 15 projects in Vermont, if selected locally and nationally, could receive Federal funding. Mr. Dodge added that he would like to apply to fund an addition to the Town Highway Garage on Cochran Road, which would allow the Village and Town Road Crews to all work under one roof. It was explained that the grant's local match requirement was 20% and the total grant funding requested would be \$4,000,000. ***Member McDowell moved to approve Mr. Dodge signing and applying for this grant, on behalf of the Selectboard, for the proposed addition to the Town Highway Garage. A vote of 4-0 affirmed the motion.***

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 PM - minutes drafted by Todd Thomas