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**TOWN OF SHELBURNE
SELECTBOARD
MINUTES
August 24, 2021**

***Hybrid meeting held via teleconference and in-person.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Ashooh (Chair), Kate Lalley, Jerry Storey, Luce Hillman, Cate Cross.
ADMINISTRATION: Lee Krohn, Town Manager; Peter Frankenburg, Finance Director; Chris Robinson, Water Quality Superintendent.
OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public participating in the meeting included Marcy Webster (Media Factory), Gail Albert, Jessica Brumsted, Lisa Vear, Mike Schramm, Wayne Elliott, Lynn McNamara, Tracy Beaudin.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mike Ashooh called the hybrid in-person and teleconference meeting to order at 7 PM and explained the procedure to be followed.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

MOTION by Mike Ashooh, SECOND by Cate Cross, to approve the agenda as amended to include adjustment to the grand list. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

3. MINUTES

August 10, 2021

MOTION by Jerry Storey, SECOND by Kate Lalley, to approve the minutes of 8/10/21 as amended. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

5. SELECTBOARD COMMENTS

- Jerry Storey commended all Town departments and especially the Rec Dept. for a successful summer under difficult circumstances.
- Positive comment was made on the successful Shelburne Day and the Farmers' Market.

6. TOWN MANAGER REPORT/UPDATE

Lee Krohn reported:

- Shelburne Day was a success.
- Pierson Library and the Fire Station are both hosting open houses on 9/4/21.

7. ROUTE 7 SEWER LINE UPGRADE UPDATE

Water Quality Superintendent, Chris Robinson, reported the sewer line upgrade on Route 7 is nearly complete and within budget. The Town will gain 79,000 GPD in capacity from the upgrade.

8. WASTEWATER SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

Lee Krohn reported the results of the study on the wastewater system by the consultant and staff indicates consolidating the two treatment plants into one on Crown Road and turning the Turtle Lane plant into a pump station is the best option for the Town. Consultant Wayne Elliott with Aldrich + Elliott reviewed the results of the study that began in 2019, noting a town the size of Shelburne having two treatment plants is unusual and very expensive, but relates back to history and geography. At this point, the plants are aging and the infrastructure is approaching its useful life. Some components are time critical. Wayne Elliott reviewed the three alternatives with the plants and the force main alignments. Alternative #1 for expansion of Plant 1 on Crown Road and treatment alternative #1 are the preferred alternatives. Potential funding sources to cover the cost of the \$29 million project were reviewed. A decision from the Selectboard is needed on funding to continue the engineering work on the project.

9. VERMONT OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Lynn McNamara, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), explained the grant to expand access to the LaPlatte nature area by constructing a raised boardwalk that will get visitors out of the mud and avoid compacting the soil on the trail. The boardwalk will be fully accessible and end at TiHaul. TNC supports the grant and agrees to write and manage the grant.

The Selectboard urged having a Town representative on the project steering committee if one is formed and reaching out to people with special needs to determine what would be most helpful in the design.

MOTION by Jerry Storey, SECOND by Cate Cross, to approve the letter of intent and subsequent grant application for public access improvements along the LaPlatte River including the terms and conditions for grant administration as proposed by The Nature Conservancy, and further, it is the town's understanding that there are no local match funds required. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

10. ANIMAL COEXISTENCE POLICY DRAFT

Suggested edits to the policy to reduce human-wildlife conflicts and preserve habitat were reviewed. It was suggested a concise mission statement be drafted as a guiding reference rather than a policy. Chris Robinson, Water Quality Superintendent, expressed concern the policy would cause delays in Town water, sewer, and road projects, adding there are already laws on how to handle animals so the policy is not necessary.

Jerry Storey volunteered to work with the committee to redraft a policy that is narrow and workable.

11. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (continued discussion)

Draft mission statements submitted by each Selectboard member were reviewed. There was discussion of the mission statement focusing on community development versus economic development. The consensus of the Selectboard is to table action on the mission statement and have each member offer a rewrite.

12. STREETLIGHT POLICY: Review/Update

Tabled.

13. ACCEPT PORTIONS OF ACORN LANE & GARDENSIDE LANE

Tabled.

14. GRAND LIST ADJUSTMENT

Lee Krohn reported the Assessor discovered a new lot was created and not accounted for as part of a subdivision at 0 Milkweed Lane. The addition will be \$140,000 to the grand list.

MOTION by Kate Lalley, SECOND by Cate Cross, to accept the Errors & Omissions Report as presented. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Jerry Storey, SECOND by Cate Cross, to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous (5-0); motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38 PM.

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For the Selectboard

Date