

Selectmen's Draft Agenda/Meeting Minutes  
Monday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2023  
5:00 p.m.

Guests: Road Commissioner, Shawn Austin, Grader purchase discussion.  
Craig Jewett, from Otter Creek will be joined us via Zoom to discuss the ongoing PFAS situation.

1. Call the meeting to order.

A motion was made and seconded to call the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Make any changes/additions to the draft agenda.

- a. Preservation Trust of Vermont – Eric Pope contacted Preservation Trust and spoke with Jackson Evans who will meet with us on April 6, 2023 to discuss the Community House project.
- b. Eric Pope contacted the Vermont Arts Council regarding grant support for the Community House project. Historical Preservation Grant applications are made in October of each year, so we will revisit at that time. These grants are typically supported by a 50% contribution by the town.
- c. Phil Laramie will coordinate with Roger Stoddard who requested PFAS sampling at his residence.
- d. Route 111 culvert project is now expected to commence during the mid-summer of 2023. Shawn Austin will perform some preparatory work on right of way and roadways on White Hill Loop to prepare that town road for bypass traffic during the approximately 6 week culvert project.

3. Review and approve the minutes of March 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 as written.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 13, 2023 as written.

4. Let any guests speak.

Craig Jewett (Otter Creek Engineering) joined by Zoom. See comments in #5 below.

5. Ongoing PFAS discussion.

The Select Board discussed the current status and strategy of our PFAS contamination and mitigation project. Specifically:

- There is no update on the Forgivable Loan applied for by the Town of Morgan, however it is recognized that there is likely a backlog of applications and we still expect approval. Eric Pope will contact Meredith Maskell regarding the status and Larry Labor will assess potential legislative options to move the process forward.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently published new limits for PFAS contamination. The State of Vermont DEC is evaluating the Vermont limits in light of the new EPA limits.
- Vermont DEC is now evaluating potential filtration products as viable solutions for PFAS contamination whereas previously only clean, replacement sources were considered.
- Discussed the town strategy going forward, which will include continuing to pursue a viable community water source (forgivable loan funding will be required); with Otter Creek

Engineering support, we will evaluate viable filtration system options to support local residents and businesses; we will offer filtration options as an interim solution for the residents and businesses (not applicable to E Hatton Taylor School) with PFAS contamination.

6. Grader replacement and Loan discussion.

Met with Road Commissioner Shawn Austin and a motion was made and seconded to approve purchase of a used, 2012 Komatsu GD655-5 Motor Grader from Anderson Equipment Company for \$170,000. Funding will include a 5-year loan of \$120,000 from Community National Bank, and will be supplemented with town funds, some to be repaid by sale of the existing under-sized grader.

7. Permit Application continuation for the Radar Speed Feedback Signs.

We reviewed the latest Vermont Agency of Transportation Agency of Transportation comments to our Permit Application and our responses. An update to our permit application will be submitted this week.

8. Review and approve the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tobacco licenses and the Outside Consumption Permit for The Morgan Country Store.

Reviewed and approved.

9. Sign the minutes of the Annual Town and School Meeting minutes dated March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Minutes of the Annual Town and School Meeting were reviewed and the Select Board members signed (School Board members will be contacted for signature).

10. Four (4) Uniform Municipal Weight Permits to review approve and sign.

- a. Calkins
- b. Consolidated Communications
- c. Beacon Sales Acquisition
- d. Oil Supply Corp.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Uniform Municipal Excess Weight permits for all.

11. Orders # 20029 to review approve and sign for payment.

A motion was made and seconded to approve and sign order #20029.

12. Any other business:

NA

13. Adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

**\*\*\*Next regular scheduled meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023\*\*\***