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Select Board Meeting Minutes 51 Depot Square, St. Johnsbury, VT June 22, 2020 6:00 PM

Present :

Select Board: Jeff Moore, Kevin Oddy, Tim Angell, Dennis Smith, Brendan Hughes (via. Zoom)

Staff: Chad Whitehead, Stacy Jewell

Press: Todd Wellington(via Zoom), KATV

Public: Jim Brown, Adam Kane, Erik Alling (via Zoom), Bobbie Wagner (via Zoom), Keith Whitmore (via Zoom), Nick Anzalone (via Zoom).

Agenda Amendments: none

Public Comment: no public comments were made

Minutes:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Kevin the minutes for 4/27 were approved

Warrants:

- On a motion by Kevin and second by Dennis the warrants were approved.

Liquor License:

- None

Portland Street Scoping Study Alternatives

- Erik Alling of Stantec reviewed proposed options for the Portland Street Scoping Study. Alternatives included:
 - New sidewalks and bike lanes on both sides of the road from the east end of Portland Street to Concord Avenue then only one sidewalk on the north side of the street from Concord Ave to the end of the project limits.
 - A new multipurpose sidewalk/ bike path on the north side of Portland Street from the east end of the Portland Street Bridget to Concord Avenue with sidewalk on the south side- no bike lanes.
- The board agreed the next step should include polling property and business owners impacted before choosing a preferred alternative.

Fairbanks Museum Solar Setback Request

- Adam Kane of Fairbanks Museum addressed the board and reviewed the solar project.
- On a motion by Tim and second by Kevin the board approved the request for variance to the solar setback.

CUD Alternate Appointment:

- On a motion by Dennis and second by Kevin the board appointed Bobbie Wagner as an alternative CUD representative.
- On a motion by Tim and second by Kevin the board appointed Keith Whitmore as an alternative CUD representative.

S.344 Tax Abatement:

- On a motion by Kevin and second by Dennis the board voted to adopt S.344.

WWTF Generator Replacement:

- Chad Whitehead addressed the board regarding the replacement of an emergency generator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- On a motion by Tim and second by Dennis the board voted to table the item.

Manager's Report:

- The Gilman Avenue and Pleasant Street project is moving from final design into construction phase. The Town is awaiting final funding packages from the State revolving loan funds.
- DPW has hired 4 new seasonal workers to conduct beautification work as well as mowing that is generally completed by probation and parole and the work camp crews
- The board asked about a tax sale for this year and the manager indicated he would put the discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

Other Business:

- There is a primary election scheduled for August 11. Voters are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot. Election officials are looking for volunteers to assist.

Executive Session:

- On a motion by Kevin and second by Dennis the board voted that there was a need for an executive session to discuss a contractual matter that premature general public knowledge would clearly place the public body at a substantial disadvantage.
- On a motion by Kevin and second by Dennis the board voted to enter executive session and invited the Town Manager to join them.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Tim the board voted to exist executive session.
- The chair had nothing to report.
- On a motion by Dennis and second by Tim the board adjourned by unanimous decision.