

Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

January 25, 2016

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Robert Meagher, Jim Bowen, Joan Allen

Guests: Nancy Woolley, Dan Gendron, Juli Reiderer, Amy Wright, Evelyn Pruiksma

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

Adjustments to the Agenda: Include budget discussion

Doon made motion to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2016 meeting, seconded by Robert. So voted.

VCDP Planning Grant Closeout Public Hearing: Juli and Amy spoke on behalf of the Park House. They are prepared to close out the planning phase of the Park House grant through VCDP, and Juli has sent the closeout paperwork to TRORC. All the planning grant funds have been expended except for the TRORC final billing.

Public Hearing for Public Comment on Park House Construction Grant: Amy explained the procedures will need to be taken during the planning phase of the grant. They were able to decide what improvements were need to come up to code, such as a sprinkler system, commercial range hood, fire alarm system and elevator upgrades. Amy noted that the elevator will not be replaced but repaired. The floor plans show greater accessibility and use of space through renovation without changing the character of the building. A cost estimate was received, and they will need to complete renovations in phases. They would like to ask the Selectboard to apply for a total of \$450,000 in block grants and are close to securing \$495,000 in matching grants. They have also received historic preservation approval for the renovations. The construction grants are in the works, and they hope to be able to work with local contractors. The first phase will come in around \$625,000 for code improvements, accessibility improvements, energy efficiencies and as many windows as they can purchase during this phase. Matching funds will come from the Housing & Conservation board who they will meet with in early February. They hope to secure the grant in April and would like to have a board member attend the meeting in Montpelier with them. Amy noted that community support is important in securing grants, and thanked the board for their support for the Park House over the years. They would like to be in construction on code improvements this summer. Short discussion ensued regarding grant administration and the cost of a single audit. Amy noted that there are funds built into the grant for administrative costs. There will be a project manager overseeing construction, and also Amy's time as well as TRORC time totaling up to \$10000. Doon made motion to submit the application for a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$450,000 on behalf of the Park House, and to authorize the Town to sub grant it to Park House, seconded by Robert. So voted. Amy will forward a resolution authorizing the sub granting to Park House.

Highway: Dan has two vendor quotes on pickups, and will get one more. Vaillencourt will be back Wednesday to finish the job for the Dec 2014 winter storm project. Joan noted there are no extensions so it must be completed this week.

Evelyn asked if we have any recourse regarding the work that Green Mtn Power is doing on Bethel Mtn Road. They are leaving a mess of cut trees on the Riley Bostwick area. Short discussion ensued. Dan will contact Carol Burke at GMP to discuss. Joan will look into this as well.

New Business: Chet from the Solid Waste alliance had sent an informational packet for the board to review and comment on. The board will review at a later date, and Joan will review as well. PACIF Grants for safety equipment were discussed. Dan will look into the items and Joan will forward to the board.

Old Business: None

Executive session was cancelled. Short discussion ensued regarding the road survey that is coming up this spring. More information will be needed before making a final decision.

Bills were reviewed and warrants signed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne McDonnell