

## **Minutes May 8, 2017**

Present: Carl Russell, Chris Jarvis, Moe Brigham, Vanessa Brown and Paul Vallee. Others: Keith Arlund, Doug Marshall, Robert Gaiko, Sarah Roberts, Julie Hinman, Russell Pejouhy, Tracy Sennet, Nancy Franklin, Willie Franklin, Darren Benoit, Marguerite Ketchum, Carroll Ketchum, Nancy Hughes, Bev Washburn.

### **Call to Order**

Russell called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Approval of Agenda.** The agenda was approved as printed.

### **Public Comment or Inquiry.**

1. Robert Gaiko, representing the BRI, asked for board support in considering additional electronic speed signs to be mounted in the village core. He also requested that solar panels be researched. The BRI supports any traffic calming measures that can be implemented.
2. Nancy Hughes suggested that the bell tower not be painted white but it should be the original darker color. She presented a photo indicating the darker color. Russell noted that Historic Conservation Easements cover the entire building and will need to be considered.
3. Nancy Franklin expressed concern about low water pressures at the end of South Main Street. Arlund stated that there are no apparent leaks surfacing at this time and that draw at Dandelion Acres may be causing some of this. Aaron Perez from VT Rural Water will be checking the water lines this week.

### **Appointments**

1. Carroll Ketchum expressed concern that not all members of the Human Services Committee participated in review of the annual requests. He hopes for more participation and a longer period of time for review. A letter should be sent to all requesting funding to submit their requirements by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Darren Benoit presented the breakdown of costs included in the BR #33 Engineering Proposal. Members of the board were concerned that the cost was far in excess of 10% of the total project costs. Costs associated with the project will need to be monitored carefully to ensure the project remains within budgeted funding. Funding includes a state structures grant in the amount of \$175,000 and general fund amounts of \$25,000 in the current and next fiscal year budgets.
3. Russell announced the proposed hiring of Greg Maggart as the new town manager. Contract documents were exchanged and signed following the unanimous approval by the board to hire him. Arlund will prepare transitional documents.

### **Reports, Motions and Ordinances:**

1. BR #33 Engineering Proposal. Following discussion above motion by Brigham, second by Jarvis to approve the proposal. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Economic Revolving Loan Application. The application by Kevin Barry was presented by Carroll Ketchum. The committee recommends a loan in the amount of \$25,000. Barry has borrowed and paid back all previous loans and they consider this low risk. A promissory note will be required but not a mortgage. The consensus of the board was to accept the loan committee recommendation.
3. Scott Putney Water and Sewer Request. The request for allocation for a new single family residence with design flow of 210 gpd was approved.
4. Bethel Unified By Law. The final draft with one edit was approved and will be set for a final hearing and put on a future agenda for consideration of passage.
5. Updates to Personnel Policy. The edits/additions drafted by Brown were discussed. She will re-write into separate sections to clarify differences between harassment, discrimination and abusive conduct.
6. Russell noted the Spotlight article written by Kelly Hill.
7. Town Manager's Report
  - a. The Constable's report was noted.
  - b. Status Update. Arlund reported that pool planning continues for the summer program. Pool will be drained and cleaned and a non-slip surface will be applied to

the shallow end. Drainage issues at the recreation center will be corrected by the logging consultant. The Pungert trial went as well as expected.

**Minutes and Communications**

1. The board approved the minutes of the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting as printed.
2. The board noted the minutes of the Conservation Commission.
3. Russell stated that he had included an ordinance on marijuana pharmacies.
4. Russell noted that Mark Elmore is planning a 5k run/walk during the Forward Festival.

There being no other business the board adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Carl Russell

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Chris Jarvis

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Moe Brigham

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Paul Vallee

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Vanessa Brown