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TOWN OF ENOSBURGH/VILLAGE OF ENOSBURG FALLS
Special Meeting of the Town Selectboard and Village Board of Trustees
October 23, 2018

Present: Selectboard – Larry Gervais, Polly Rico, Dean Wright, Terry Wright
Trustees - Walter Scott, Guy Breault, Ellen St. Marie, Samuel Vaillancourt, Leonard Charron
Staff – Billie Jo Draper, Jonathan Elwell, Matthew Miner
Guests – Approximately 25 residents were in attendance

Meeting called to order by Walter Scott at 6:33 pm

1. Modifications/Changes to Agenda

There were no modifications or changes to the agenda.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Law Enforcement Contract

Larry Gervais reminded the Trustees that the contract with Franklin County Sheriff will be negotiated for renewal soon and asked if there were any existing concerns with the contract. None were presented. Candidate for Sheriff, Tom Oliver was present and provided his pledge to continue the same level of commitment and support to the Enosburgh community.

4. Bridge #50 Town Request to Transfer Ownership

Staff and Board members reviewed the background on the topic, which includes that the bridge, located on Rte 108 just east of the intersection with Main St in the Village of Enosburgh Falls, is currently owned by and maintained by the Town of Enosburgh and is funded solely by the Town of Enosburgh highway department tax which is levied only on residents of Enosburgh who live outside the village limits, however the bridge is located within the Enosburgh Falls Village limits. Polly Rico referred to an email communication which indicates Vermont state statute stipulates that all bridges within a highway district are to be maintained by that district and suggested that this supports the Town's position regarding the request to have the Village take responsibility for the bridge's upkeep. After lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Village Trustees would take the request under consideration and that the topic would be further reviewed at a later joint meeting.

5. Enosburgh Initiative Report

- A) Enosburgh Eats - Shawna Lovelette reported that fifteen sites hosted tastings during the event on October 13, 2018, it was estimated that 100-150 people were in attendance, 50-60 people attended the pie social at the Country Club, a Vital Village walkabout tour was conducted, the event raised over \$200 for the food shelf. All accounts indicate it was a success and will probably be scheduled again for next year.
- B) Vital Village – Jim Cameron reported that the next event for the Steering Committee is on November 15, 5:30pm for design workshop at the Emergency Services Building. Hopes are that this will be a large public meeting, all are invited to attend.

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- C) Trash receptacles – Cindi Miner shared that the town is in need of more trash receptacles. Mr. Cameron asked what can be done to get this accomplished. It was agreed to discuss on Other Business for the Trustee’s Board meeting immediately following.
 - D) Sandy Ferland announced that on Thursday, October 25, 2018 7pm at Country Club a farewell party is scheduled for Jane Halverson, former owner of Halvy’s Cafe, admission costs \$10/person with 100% of proceeds going to Franklin County Area Cancer Network
 - E) Suzy Hull-Parent reported that a cleanup for the Food Shelf is scheduled on the weekend of October 27, 2018. Saturday 9am-4pm, volunteers will be removing carpet, painting, cleaning. Sunday will include painting the floor. The Food Shelf supports over 200 families each month. There is also a Thanksgiving event for Enosburgh and other neighboring towns that don’t have a Thanksgiving event scheduled.
 - F) Mr. Cameron reported more carpentry work is scheduled on the Masonic Temple on October 27, 2018. Dave and Sally Tryhorne have refurbished the west-side clock face, and will be doing the other faces next spring and have also applied for a Grant to restore windows.
 - G) Mr. Cameron shared that on November 3, 9:30am there will be a community wide meeting day at the Enosburgh Falls High School, then from 10:30am to 11:30am a combined group meeting will convene to share updates between groups, then afterward there will be a pot luck lunch.
 - H) Heather Moore reported on a project to organize a community center. Currently the project is in the information gathering stage and she is asking for input and interest from volunteers who would like to participate in the development of the project. Ivonne Kio reported that the Town Recreation department has also been working on this and is considering a trial space with help from RiseVT who may assist with mini grant of approximately \$5k. Poly Rico reminded that this topic needs to be properly warned on a future meeting to consider the topic for the Recreation Department.
 - I) Ms. Kio reported that the Town Recreation Department has submitted a grant application for Elm St Rec Field/park upgrades and should hear about the results in December.
 - J) Mr. Cameron discussed the potential advantages of having a dedicated grant writing resource for the community of Enosburgh. He described how the Town of Fairfield approaches grant opportunities, which includes a grant committee and a grant writing position. Mr. Cameron believes the Town and Village could benefit from a grant writing and economic development position. Mr. Cameron asked the two boards to please consider creating and funding a position jointly. His perception is that the Town’s grand list has been flat for a long time and this resource could improve that condition by increasing the tax base. Steve Wadsworth shared that he believes the community may be missing grant opportunities. Ward Heneveld shared that he would vote for immediate funding to create this and many of the guests in attendance agreed they feel the same.
6. RiseVT Municipality Award
Stacy Carpenter presented the Selectboard and the Trustees with awards from RiseVT acknowledging their Silver Level Municipality status.

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7. Other Business

Suzy Hull-Parent emphasized to the boards that the School Resource Office is a valued and important part of the current public safety contract with Franklin County Sheriff's Department and advocated for its continuation.

Larry Gervais reported that the Town recently approved the creation of the Technology and Innovation Committee for the Town of Enosburgh.

8. Adjourn

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, Guy Breault made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Leonard Charron. Unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Miner, Director of Finance

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