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## TOWN OF ANDOVER SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 26, 2024

**Select Board Members Present:** Richard Griswold, Robin Trask, Susan Leader & Melissa Gates-Perry

**Select Board Members Absent:** Chris Plumb

**Public present:** Kelly Gibson, Peter of *Okemo Valley TV*, & Jeanette Haight, clerk.

**1. Call Select Board meeting to order:** Richard Griswold called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Act on Agenda:** Melissa moved to accept the agenda as written. Susan seconded. So moved.

**3. Act on Minutes:** Robin moved to accept both sets of minutes as written. Susan seconded. So moved.

**4. Public Comment:** None

**5. Highways / Garage:**

**A. Road Commissioner's report** - Roads got posted today, material is being stockpiled in anticipation of mud season and Charlie has begun researching new dump trucks.

**6. Old Business:**

**A. GMUSD Board seat** – Richard confirmed Scott Kendall has rescinded his resignation. If & when Scott sells his house, he would be moving out of the area, at which time, the SB would need to make a recommendation to the GMUSD Board for a replacement.

**B. STRs** – Kelly Gibson said as an STR owner he is asking the SB to “be fair” and be respectful of property owners’ rights with regard to any rules around STRs. He pointed out a Vermont Supreme Court case in Grand Isle that said STRs are not a change of use (from residential). He also said existing STRs would be grandfathered from needing a conditional use permit, according to his own attorney, also because they are not a change of use. Mr. Gibson said by statute a fee charged to an STR has to be used to cover costs (for example is someone is hired to monitor STRs). The members thanked him for attending the meeting & Melissa pointed out the Board has not decided to do anything other than having a ballot vote about adding STRs to the existing Conditional Uses. Susan said the vote is “advisory” and there will be much more discussion for the Board to have after the vote. Mr. Gibson talked about enforcement challenges. Melissa reiterated the Board’s desire not to “broad-stroke” rules and that they are trying very hard to be mindful of every property owner’s rights. More discussion ensued.

**C. MCRF loan update/town financial update** – Jeanette said the MCRF loan (which will come from the Vermont Bond Bank) will not be decided until the week of March 11<sup>th</sup>. She shared that the first two of the road projects from the flood have been “obligated” & a grant agreement has been signed, meaning money may come for those two projects in the next couple of weeks. No other projects she has submitted (11 total) has moved much farther along in the FEMA process. The town has collected enough tax money to pay the school district the payment that was due in December and Jeanette is confident there will be enough money to pay the April invoice.

**D. Cyber security** – all town computer equipment is at the Town Office; the Board decided to wait until after Town Meeting to decide whether to hire an outside professional to go through all the equipment for security upgrades.

**8. Financial Orders:** Were signed.

**9. Correspondence:** Melissa moved to make the *Vermont Journal* the paper of record at \$14.00 per column inch. Susan seconded. So moved.

**10. Adjourn:** Melissa moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Susan seconded. So moved.

<p>Respectfully submitted,</p> <hr/> <p>Jeanette Haight, Clerk of the Board</p>  <p>SBM 022624.min</p>		<p>Approved by:</p> <p>Chris Plumb, Chair</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>Andover Select Board</p>
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