



**Town of Berlin
Municipal Office Building
108 Shed Road**

**Berlin, VT. 05602
Special Select Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 25, 2020
7:00 PM**

Selectboard Members: Bradley Towne, Chair; Flo Smith, Co-Vice Chair; Justin Lawrence, Co-Vice Chair; John Quinn III, Secretary. Present: Tom Badowski, Assistant Town Administrator; Diane Isabelle, Town Treasurer; Greg Gallant, ORCA. All items are unanimous unless otherwise noted.

APPROVED MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order

Towne called the meeting to order. Capron absent.

Changes to Agenda

None.

Public Comment

Chuck Lague discussed a letter he sent regarding sewer connection to his residence. He will need more time to determine what allocation he needs. Towne offered to add this discussion to a future Selectboard meeting. Badowski stated that the Public Works Board was the more appropriate municipal board to take up this matter as he discussed the allocations available and the process for holding allotted gallons. He shared the opinion that the Public Works Board may grant a continuance of the payment while residents acquire the measurement of their need or secure ability to connect.

Fisher Road Culvert – Robert Clark

Clark was unable to attend. Badowski provided notes of a conversation had earlier in the day with the Agency of Natural Resources. The Agency is going to require the long form of the stream alteration permit which includes a minimum 30 day public comment period so the town does not have the permit in hand and will likely have it 40 days or so after completing and filing the application. The next step is to determine if the town may be granted an emergency permit. Badowski asked for a motion to allow Otter Creek Engineering to plan and design the stream alteration. There was a brief discussion of funding. Bonding would not operate in the way previously suggested (to begin using the money and then add the bond to the next vote). There was a recommendation to secure funds through other avenues, such as securing a loan. Towne asked if the permitted alteration will be for the cleaving or if it would also apply to other tactics if the sleeve is improper. A concrete answer was not available but Badowski shared his thoughts that if something other than the sleeve is needed the permit may need alteration but would not start from scratch. Smith moved to authorize Otter Creek to develop the stream alteration permit at a cost of \$2000 for the permit. Seconded by Lawrence. Passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Lawrence moved to enter executive session for a personnel and legal issue. Seconded by Smith. Passed unanimously.

Quinn moved to adjourn. Seconded by Lawrence. Passed unanimously.

For the Select Board:

Bethany A. Towne