

## TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER SELECTBOARD/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

### Special Meeting

May 14, 2024 Minutes

**Present:** William O. Young-Chair, Owen Astbury – Board Member, Victoria Young-Administrative Assistant

**Visitors:** Nancy Robinson-Clerk, Bruce Maxham

**Zoom:** Isaac Wagner- Grant Administrator – BACF, Charlie Shackleton, – BACF Board

**Meeting called to order:** William called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

\*\* Additions/Changes to Agenda: None

**Isaac Wagner – VCDP Implementation Grant 2019 17110-IG-2019-22** – Isaac gave an overview of the Grant. It is a Vermont Community Development Grant that the BACF applied for in 2020. There were two Grants applied for – one for \$400,000.00 and amended for an additional \$47,000.00. All funds have been expended –all goals have been met. The Childcare Center is running and is expanding. *The VCDP funds received have been used to accomplish the following activities: Renovation and adaptive reuse of the former Village School at 76 Southgate Loop, Bridgewater, VT into a community and childcare center. Renovations were focused on making the building universally accessible and preserving its historic integrity.* This type of Grant flows through the town and the town receives the money and reimburses expenses paid from BACF. The Grant period closes on June 30, 2024

**Public Comments:** Nancy asked if we will be applying for any future grants. Isaac stated that there are not any concrete plans to seek any grants. Charlie is doing some local fund raising. Charlie stated that the Daycare Center has a great reputation, most of the infrastructure is done – two rooms and the basement to be completed. It will take another \$200k-\$300k to finish.

Nancy asked if this closes out all Grants to the Town – Isaac affirmed that it does.

Bruce asked if the building would be ready for use at next year's town meeting –Charlie said that it would be ready. Nancy asked if it would be approved for 150 occupancy- Charlie said that Brian is working on that.

In closing, Isaac thanked the town and the town staff for their help along the way.

William thanked both Isaac and Charlie and the BACF Board for all their hard work in this project. It is a great asset for the town.

Charlie thanked Brian for his many hours of work to get things done.

**Adjourn** - Being no further business- Willam made a motion to adjourn at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Young, Administrative Assistant

