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Selectboard Meeting Minutes March 16, 2023

6:00 PM at the Town Clerk's Office

Present at the meeting were, Tim Bullard Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tracey Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White

1. Ricky opened the meeting at 6:05
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
 - a) Excess Weight Permits addressed under Highway Dept.
 - b) Sign New Truck Contract addressed under Highway Dept.
 - c) Annual Financial Plan for Town Highways addressed under Highway Dept.
 - d) Update on Newport Ambulance Advisory Committee addressed under Town Meeting Update
3. Citizens Input: none
4. Sign orders (7) Butch asked about the computer expenses. They were a software update for the listers office and the computer technician for the Town submitted a bill. Orders were signed.
5. Review minutes of Selectboard Meeting
2/28/23 Town Meeting Minutes 3/7/23
Special Selectboard Meeting 3/7/23 Change Butch to Clayton
Ricky made the motion to approve the minutes with the correction. Clayton seconded. Approved.
6. Beach
 - a) Review rules and rates: Ricky wants to review the LERA YE finances before setting the rates for the beach and reviewing the managers' salary. The board requests to have Craig and/or the assistant manager(s) at a SB meeting to include their perspective on
 - b) Spring Lottery is set for April 11, 2023 at a regular selectboard meeting and a notice will be posted in the paper.
 - c) Water System: Water Operators, Open System. Plumbing Solutions has been the one to open the water system. The office will reach out to get an estimate on the costs for this year.
 - d) Manager Update:
 - i. Flagpole repair Clayton offered to supply staging if needed for the repair this spring.
 - e) Old Manager House Site Property: Ricky wants to reach out to the State of Vermont to see if the Town needs a permit to take the building down
Discussion on the new boat rack that will be paid for by the G-1 holdings settlement and Ricky will reach out to Peter Danforth to find out what is needed in terms of an excavator.
7. Highway Dept.:
 - a) Ricky made the motion to accept all excess weight permits Butch seconds. Approved to Town specifications that are attached.
 - i. Pike Industries
 - ii. Cardinal Logistics Management Corporation
 - iii. Consolidated Communications
 - iv. Suburban Propane
 - v. S.D Ireland
 - vi. Cote Trucking Company
 - vii. K Martin Transport LLC
 - viii. American Modular Transport LLCThere was a discussion on the impending modular home scheduled to be delivered on Mountain View Lane but the board agrees that it is weather dependent and the roads would need to be frozen to proceed. Comcast has been stringing cable and has blocked some side roads when the town trucks come by to plow. Ricky would like Comcast to be treated the same way as all other heavy trucks now that the roads are posted.
 - b) Access Permits:
 - i. Derek Griggs. The permit is to add another driveway access which will not happen until after mud season so the selectboard tabled the issue.
 - c) Update of Other Activities: Norm is going to provide a breakdown of costs and a budget proposal for the Class II Roads Grant on North Road for future paving. Some of the paving will be planing with a skim coat and some of the project will be reclaimed.
 - d) Ricky made a motion to approve the contract for the purchase of the new truck that's been ordered, Clayton seconded, Tim signed as the Chair of the Board. Truck will go to Viking to have the plow installed. It is estimated to arrive around the first of the year 2024.
8. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 2/28/23: Ricky motioned, Tim seconded. Approved.
 - a) Under #9 Approved Excess Weight Permits for N.A Manosh and Structural Wood Corp.

Ricky makes the motion and Clayton seconded to approve the purchase of the new truck for \$ Approved. Truck will go down to Viking to have the plow installed. Estimated to arrive around the first of the year in 2024.

9. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Final Review before sending to VT Emergency Management tabled until the next meeting.
10. Review Pay Structure for all Employees: The pay range for the new Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer would be from \$19 - \$22 depending on experience, but with a starting rate not to exceed \$20. Other pay rates will wait to be discussed during the annual budget so the issue is tabled.
11. Town Meeting Review:
 - a) Televised Selectboard Meetings. Tim makes the motion to decline this suggestion. Ricky seconded. All agreed and the proposal failed.
 - b) One Cemetery Commissioner position was not posted in Warning. Open position on the cemetery commission. Amy has expressed interest so will reach out for a letter of interest for board approval.
 - c) Revised Budget with Article 9 funds included (\$15,000 for milfoil eradication approved at TM) has been completed Town budget, with all approved appropriations is now
12. Town policy Review continued: Tabled until the next meeting
 - a) Personnel
 - b) Salary and Benefits
 - c) Health Care
13. Other Business:

Discussion on the sale of the Fire truck that was sold for more money than anticipated which will defray the costs of the new pick-up in trade.

 - a) Update on School as Emergency Shelter LCPC connected with the Red Cross so they can inspect the facility so it is a work in progress.
 - b) Update on Assessor's Office/Reappraisal. Have not yet received information from the Town Assessor. Ricky asked if Russ has done any onsite inspections. Not yet.
 - c) Town Office Update
 - d) Grant Discussion: Waiting for the decision on the greeter program that was applied for from the State of VT.
 - e) Lowell proposed Town Plan Update FYI
14. Adjourn