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Selectboard Meeting 3/28/2023 6pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tracey Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White. Also present were Carey Earle, Deb Godin, Pam Uhlendorff, and Craig Rounds

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:05
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda
 - a) Excess Weight Permits addressed under Highway Dept.
 - b) Reviewed memo from Health Officer Chris Donahue- monthly report
3. Citizens Input: Leslie White attended an ARPA meeting at GMCTC where they discussed expending town ARPA money sooner rather than later. Additional grant money is available.
4. Lamoille FiberNet Update: Carey Earle was joined via TEAM by Fabien Bourgeois who is the Construction Project Engineer. He explained that a preconstruction grant was secured through VCBB for \$50,000 and they are looking for the Town to match \$50,000. However, the Town of Eden must submit a commitment letter by May 1st, although there was not an exact timeframe of when that money would be spent. Potential uses would be to cover and/ or reduce costs to the homeowners for installation from the pole drop directly to their home. Lamoille FiberNet's mission is to get broadband specifically to the unserved and underserved members of the community, although if there is no power to the property, it is not a possibility. Fabien assured us that it was not just going to be used in the densely populated areas or only those on the main roads as is the case with some internet providers. They could not give cost figures as the job is still out to providers for bidding. Carey Earle asked to be reappointed to represent Eden to the Lamoille FiberNet Communications Union District and Carey also stated that they are looking for an alternative to be appointed. It was suggested to have the request added to the town website. Ricky motioned to sign for her reappointment, Clayton seconded, so approved. The board asked for the grant match discussion to be added to the next meeting agenda. Carey and Fabien left the meeting.

To accommodate those present, the Selectboard agreed to move to review the Beach next

7. Beach:
 - a) The board reviewed the rules of the beach with input from Craig and Pam. It was discussed that firearms would not be allowed to be open carried in the public areas of the beach or campground and that would be worked into the rules/policy. Craig recommended no fee changes. Ricky motioned to approve the current rules/ rates with applicable changes, Tim seconded, so approved.
 - b) Quote from John Compagna from Plumbing Solutions to open/close the water system for the beach this year was reviewed. Ricky motioned to approve and hire, Tim seconded, so approved. Melissa and Tracey have submitted applications to the state to become water operators and Deb Godin offered to help with the testing as well since she is already testing water at her own campground across the road. Either Tracey or Melissa will get back to her once a plan is in place.
 - c) Manager Update: Craig confirmed that he and Clayton have discussed scaffolding and repairing of the flagpole. Craig also stated that he is possibly looking for another lifeguard this year as Joslyn who has been doing it in years past may not be available as often as we need. Schools have been bringing their own lifeguards when coming but one more may still be necessary to maintain the safety of swimming in the beach area. Craig also expressed that there is a cherry tree in the camping area that should be taken down before the season starts. Craig stated that he would contact Ricky for assistance with it once the snow melts. The board discussed the proposed project of replacing the kayak rack with a new one as well as having doing some excavating as a preventative erosion measure. They discussed adding a handicap access as Craig said that a lot of

people with mobility issues use that area to get to the water as it is easier. Also, a new bench will be installed in memory of Candy Vear, which will be funded with G1 Holdings money.

d) Old Manger House Property Update: Deb Godin expressed desire to keep the main portion of the house as she thought it could be salvaged and moved. She stated that she had tried unsuccessfully to contact someone from the Eden Historical Society and that if she could get help tearing it down that she would take it, as it was an important piece of her own history. Leslie relayed that she had reached out to the state to confirm that we are able to remove the house. Deb also suggested that the town look into putting a tiny house of some sort on the property, to use as an AIR BNB, as a source of revenue for the town.

At this time, Craig, Pam, and Deb left the meeting and the board returned to #5 on the agenda

5. Signed 3 orders
6. Reviewed minutes of 3/16/23 meeting: Ricky motioned to accept, Clayton seconded, so approved.
8. Highway Dept:
 - a) Excess Weight Permits: Ricky motioned to approve all to town specs, Clayton seconded, so approved. Permits were given to Fred Vance Trucking, Wind River Environmental, Curtis Lumber, Vaillancourt Transport, Ernest P Krusch, Vermont Well and Pump, EC Morrison trucking and Excavating LLC, Austin Construction INC, Desrochers Excavating INC, Beacon Sales Acquisition, Harrison Concrete Construction Corp, Harrison Redi-Mix Corp, Riggs Distler & Company Inc, and Grimes Inc.
9. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 3/14/23: Ricky motioned to approve, Clayton seconded, so approved. Additions were weight permits for Consolidated, Suburban, SD Ireland, Cote Trucking, K Martin Transport, and American Modular Transport.
10. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: There are two spelling errors on page 14 and the Selectboard asked for the Administrative Assistant contact to be removed from the report. Ricky motioned to approve with corrections, Clayton seconded, so approved.

Clayton motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel policies with the other two board members, Ricky seconded, so approved. Entered executive session at 8:05pm, ended at 8:51pm. Tim announced no decisions had been made.

11. Policy Review: Further changes noted and will be made. Will review at the next meeting.
12. Other Business:
 - a) No update on school as emergency shelter
 - b) Update on Assessor's Office/Reappraisal: Tracey had spoken to Russ Beaudoin and relayed to the board that Russ does not believe any action is necessary at this time as the state is in the process of halting reappraisals due to the affect COVID has had on the market and availability of appraisers.
 - c) Town Office Update: Discussed the candidates for Assistant Clerk/Treasurer position
 - d) Grant Discussion: Leslie and Tracey requested that Ricky come in to discuss possible grants and ARPA funding.
 - e) Local Emergency Management Plan Review: Ricky motioned to approve, Clayton seconded, so approved.
 - f) Budget Status Report reviewed by Selectboard
13. LCPC Demographic Update: reviewed by Selectboard
14. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 9:30pm, Ricky seconded, adjourned

Melissa Whitcomb, Approved Meeting Minutes 3-28-23