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Selectboard Meeting 04/11/2023 6pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tracey Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White. Also present were Rob Moore, Seth Jensen, Craig Rounds, Ryan Nolan, Katie and Ryan Beemus

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:04pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: ARPA info/VLCT authorization form addressed under #9.
3. Citizens Input: Leslie provided a spreadsheet of the savings from utilizing Eden 3ELLC compared to VT Electric Co-op since the town joined the solar net metering.

The board moved to #6 on the agenda to accommodate those present for the Beach Lottery

6. Beach:
 - a) There were two requests for the lottery. Through random draw by Tim, first to choose were Katie and Ryan Beemus, they chose site #5. Next was Ryan Nolan, he chose site #7.
 - b) Beach rules and rates: Clayton motioned to approve, Tim seconded, so approved.

The board moved to number 4 while waiting for the Beach Lottery paperwork to be signed so that all could participate in the next discussion.

4. Five (5) orders were signed. Clayton inquired about the invoice from Butler Technologies which was for installing some software for the office and listers, Ricky asked if ARPA funds could be used. They cannot due to being a contract service.

The board moved to #9 to accommodate those remaining.

9. Rob Moore reminded the Board that the Lamoille County Planning Commission was there to help but not get in the way. He talked about the Town Plan which expires in 2025 and discussed some possible changes that may be coming. Rob suggested starting on the plan 18-24 months before expiration. Seth spoke about the flood plain and possible changes coming with new FEMA maps that may delineate more flood streams and structures versus now. The Town could choose to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) if necessary. Rob stated that there is still plenty of ARPA money available for municipalities to use for energy upgrades. There is no required match from the Town and the State will send someone out to assess at no charge. This could potentially be used for improvements to the Town Office. Rob offered the services of the LCPC to help with the MRGP grant at a cost of \$1500. Ricky motioned to sign an agreement to hire LCPC, Clayton seconded, so approved.

Returning to the Agenda:

5. The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from 3-28-23. Clayton motioned to accept as written, Ricky seconded, so approved.
6. Returning to the Beach: 6. Ricky brought the plans from Peter Danforth for review. The Town Highway can do the work. The Select Board asked for Peter to be invited to a special meeting to start at 5pm at the Beach. Clayton asked to have Jason Tuthill present also to review construction of the kayak rack.
7. a) Ricky motioned to approve all Excess Weight Permits to Town Specs, Clayton seconded, so approved the following: Fred's Energy, Kilburn Transport, AmeriGas, Dale E. Percy Inc., Huntington Homes Inc., and Precision Land Care.

- b) The sweeper is scheduled for mid-May
- 8. Ricky motioned to Ratify Additions and Deletions of 3/28/23 approving Excess Weight Permits for Fred Vance Trucking, Wind River Environmental, Curtis Lumber, Vaillancourt Transport, Ernest P Krusch, Vermont Well and Pump, EC Morrison Trucking and Excavating, Austin Construction LLC, and Desrochers Excavating.
- 10. Hazard Mitigation Plan: No Update
- 11. Reviewed Lamoille FiberNet Proposal to get broadband to the most rural homes. Tim motioned to approve \$50,000 of ARPA Funds to take advantage of the match from Lamoille FiberNet. This is just a commitment to the match. Clayton seconded, so approved.

The Board now moved to #13

- 13. a) Ricky motioned to appoint Amy Fitzgerald to the Cemetery Commission. Clayton seconded, so approved. Tim abstained from the vote. Ricky motioned to appoint Dan Lathrop and Kristy Bowen to the Planning Committee but decline Travis Bowen as the Town is looking for diversity within the Committee. Tim seconded, so approved.
- b) Ricky motioned to approve the Class 2 Liquor License as well as the Tobacco and Tobacco Substitute Licenses for the Eden General Market. Clayton seconded, so approved.
- c) No Update on the school as an emergency shelter.

The Board now moved to # 12

- 12. a) Personnel Policy: Clayton motioned to approve with noted changes, Tim seconded, so approved.
- b) Salary and Benefits: Changes need to be made, to be reviewed at next meeting.
- c) Health Care: Ricky motioned to approve, Tim seconded, so approved.
- 14. Grant Update: Tracey gave an update on the Lake Champlain Clean Water/ Healthy EcoSystem Grant through the Lake Champlain Basin Program. The Town is in the process of transferring the grant to the Lake Eden Association. Tracey updated the Board on the remaining funds donated for the Greeter Program if they are not awarded a grant for this year. An error was noted on the reported numbers for the South Pond MRGP Grant. FEMA is looking to close out the PW080 which Tracey is working on.
- 15. FYI: None

Returning to #13d: Town Office Update

Discussion was had about the potential new hire of an Assistant Town Clerk/ Treasurer and rate of pay. After a lengthy and detailed discussion, review of supporting documentation, a rate was agreed upon. Ricky motioned to set a rate of \$22 an hour with no increase in July 2023. Tim seconded, so approved.

- 14. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 9:11pm, Ricky seconded, adjourned

Melissa Whitcomb, Approved Meeting Minutes 4-11-23