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Selectboard Meeting 05/23/2023 6pm

Present at the meeting were Time Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tracey Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Teleia Pastore, Brent Lanpher from North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department, John Savage from North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department, and Alec Jones from Lamoille County Planning Commission.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:03pm.
2. Additions and Deletions:
  - a) Paronto Road update discussed under #9 Highway.
3. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: Alec Jones from Lamoille County Planning Commission discussed the hazard Mitigation Plan returned from Vermont Emergency Management. He stated that Eden may gain some new floodplains from the new maps but they will likely not be released until 2025. He asked the Selectboard to consider joining the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which would make the Town eligible in case of a major flood event and would also make residents eligible for flood insurance. Alec wasn't sure of the potential cost of carrying this insurance and if we choose to join, the town would have to adopt flood bylaws. He suggested waiting until the maps come out to make a decision. Alec will send the revised copy of the plan for review and adoption by the Selectboard in early June.

To accommodate those present, the Board moved to number 5 on the agenda as John Savage was not yet here.

5. Citizens Input: Diane Deslandes on Shover Road called last week. She wanted to make the Selectboard aware that a third-party contractor for Comcast was digging in her yard without notice or permission. When she contacted Comcast, they gave her the impression that they are not responsible for the third-party contractor. Ricky stated that he would reach out to Conrad Ritchie from Comcast as well as give Ritchie's contact information to Melissa.
6. Signed six orders.

The Board returned to number 4 as John Savage joined us.

4. Brent Lanpher and John Savage from the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department were here to give an update. John stated that the Fire Department sold Engine #2 for \$130,000. The cost of shipping to the buyer was \$4,500 and the Town received a check for half the profit, \$62,735. Ricky confirmed that the Town's share of the new truck would go into the New Equipment Fund. The Rescue Truck is still for sale. They are struggling to get the mini-pumper into production; there is still no cabin chassis available. There was discussion around possibly changing from a Dodge to a Ford 550 as there may be one available sooner. If not, the Dodge may not be available until 2025. The GMC Utility truck is in production and our half for the cabin chassis is due within 10 days of delivery. Ricky motioned to allow Melissa to approve and write a check up to \$40,000 for the cabin chassis. Tim seconded, approved. Brent Lanpher stated that they need to replace 8 air packs at a total cost of \$64,000, of which the town would be responsible for half. If they are ordered soon, they will be compatible with other recently

purchased equipment. He wanted to make sure the Selectboard that this would be an upcoming expense in the near future. Brent also discussed the idea of a dry hydrant at the Lake for maximum reach to surrounding properties. The Fire Department had an issue with the hydrant on Blakeville road not working properly.

Returning to the Agenda.

7. The Board reviewed the minutes from 05/09/23. Clayton asked for a comment of his to be added to the Citizen's input from David Vilord that had been omitted. Clayton moved to approve with correction, Ricky seconded, approved.
8. Beach Update: The Board had a brief discussion about compensation for Craig Rounds and Pam Uhlendorff. They determined no action is necessary at this time.
9. Highway Department:
  - a) A citizen inquired about school signs on Knowles Flat Road. The Board asked Melissa to order two signs.
  - b) Green Mountain ATV Club: The Club inquired about access from Shover to Warren Road. At the next Board meeting on 06/13/23, the Board will review access onsite and determine whether continued access will be permitted and under what stipulations, if any.
  - c) Updated Highway Resolution: Ricky motioned to approve the updated resolution ending all Spring condition weight restriction postings. Tim seconded, approved, and signed.
  - d) Branden Martin from Stone Environmental contacted Ricky and asked to push back the start of the Paronto Road project until September 1, 2023. The Board agreed that would be too late of a start as all work needs to be finished and final reports have to be submitted to FEMA by the end of September. Ricky will call him to set up a preliminary meeting, and the Board agreed to push the start date from June 1, 2023 to July 1, 2023. Ricky also stated that he would contact Brian Bonneau of CCS Construction about the hydrant on Blakeville Road. The street sweeper is scheduled for June 5, 2023. The road crew has been grading and applying chloride to some of the roads, as needed. Ricky and Ryan completed the rain garden at the beach.
10. Ricky motioned to ratify the additions and deletions from 05/09/2023, an excess weight permit for Brian W. Stearns. Clayton seconded, approved.
11. Green Up Day Update: Green Up Day went well. The total cost was \$1,500, almost equally divided between the dumpster cost and the vast number of tires to dispose of.
12. Grant Update: Ricky motioned to approve and sign the contract from East Engineering for the Boy Scout Road project. Tim seconded, approved, and signed. The Town received a letter of intent for a \$12,000 MRGP grant for FY24.
13. Other Business:
  - a) No update on the school as an emergency shelter.
  - b) Melissa corrected the initial numbers given on delinquent taxes.
  - c) Ricky motioned to approve and sign an extension request for the Grand List requested by the Assessor. Clayton seconded, approved, and signed.
  - d) Clayton motioned to approve and sign a contract for Lamoille County Sheriff's Department 911 Service as well as an agreement for emergency response. Ricky seconded, approved, and signed.
  - e) Salary review for 2023/2024: This will be reviewed at the next meeting on 06/13/2023.
14. Town policy review of Delinquent Taxes: Melissa will gather more information on the cost of pursuing delinquent taxes and the Board will review the information and policy on 06/13/2023.
15. Tim motioned to adjourn, Clayton seconded, adjourned at 8:35pm.

Melissa Whitcomb, Town Clerk and Treasurer