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Selectboard Meeting 06/13/2023 immediately following Special Meeting.

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore,
Melissa Whitcomb, Teleia Pastore, Colleen Brennan, Art Curcillo, Craig
Rounds, Pam Uhlendorff, Tracey Morin.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:20pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Dept of Labor Complaint; discussed after #12 Policy Review

To accommodate those present, the Board moved to #10 on the agenda.

10. Colleen Brennan spoke about the fact that the Clean Water Milfoil Project contract likely won't be signed for at least a couple of weeks. This means the survey as previously scheduled would have to be postponed until at least then and the surveyor does not have any openings until September, putting the entire program in jeopardy. Colleen asked the Board for approval to use \$4,100 of the \$15,000 appropriated by the town on Town Meeting Day to pay the surveyor. This is the only way to have two surveys and two DASH treatments this summer. Ricky motioned to pay the \$4,100 out of the appropriation. Clayton seconded, approved, and contracts signed for surveyor and diver.

To accommodate those present, the Board moved to #7 on the agenda.

7. Craig Rounds updated the Board about Beach activities. They have one lifeguard, Joselyn, scheduled for the weekends. The area schools have set up their own lifeguards or don't need a lifeguard due to a 1:1 ratio. Their first school group arrives 06/14/23. Craig was recently alerted to some milfoil growing around the docks. Craig let Art Curcillo know, and Art came over immediately to pull the milfoil. The Town received a complaint about loose dogs in the Day Use Area (DUA). Craig said he was aware of the situation at the time and spoke to the owners. He is also going to contact the concerned citizen to make sure all her concerns have been addressed. The large rule board was removed from the lifeguard stand last year as many of the rules were outdated. Freeda Powers had smaller signs made last year, which have been placed around the Beach Recreation Area. Craig asked for a photo of the rules to be posted online on the LERA website. He stated that he has to re-educate people on the rules recently. He is going to post No Parking signs in front of the kayak rack. Clayton asked about tent sites on the beach out of concern stemming from previous issues with access to the beach by campers. Craig stated that he pushed back all of the fire rings to 25' and campers' tents and belongings will be required to remain behind those rings so all can enjoy access to the beach. Craig also said he was installing another baby changing station so there is one in each bathroom, and he is working on an appropriate location for Candy's memorial bench.

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3. Citizens Input: Ronnie Morin asked that some trees hanging near Blakeville Road be cut. Ricky said he would assess the situation.
4. Nine orders were signed.
5. Clayton motioned to approve the minutes from 05/23/23 and 06/01/23 as written. Ricky seconded, approved.
6. Hazard Mitigation Plan Adoption and Signing: Tim motioned to adopt as written. Clayton seconded, approved. Tim signed the Plan for 2023-2028.
8. Highway Department:
 - a) 911 sign discussion – Melissa will speak with Marvin about the ongoing installation of 911 signs at new property addresses and let the Fire Department know that the sign posts arrived on 06/13/23.

b) Other Activities – Pike started cold planing on East Hill Road and paving will begin soon. The culvert on Paronto Road is installed but not finished. The problem with the dry hydrant on Blakeville Road has not yet been fixed by CCS Contractors. The sweeper was delivered this week but is not working properly, so they're having trouble getting the job done. Ricky stated that he would like to advertise for a FT and PT highway position. Harold Earle is willing to do the mowing if we get him a tractor.

9. Ricky motioned to ratify additions and deletions of 05/23/23 – Paronto Road Discussion. Tim seconded, approved.

11. Other Business

- a) No update on the school as an emergency shelter. Melissa will contact Betzi Goodman.
- b) Town Office Update – The Board reviewed info received from KevaCo web company for website upgrades. No action is needed at this time.

The Board moved to #12 next.

12. Town Policy Review of Delinquent Taxes: The costs associated with tax sales were discussed to determine the direction of the policy. Melissa will edit the policy and bring it back for review and possible approval at the next meeting.

Melissa asked the Board to enter an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter/complaint from the Vermont Dept. of Labor. Tim motioned to approve, Clayton seconded. Entered into Executive Session at 7:55pm. The session ended at 8:13pm with no decisions made.

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11. Other Business

- c) Salary Review for FY2023-2024. The board proposed new rates beginning July 1, 2023. Melissa will update the pay chart for review and approval at the next meeting.

13. FYI – None.

14. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:50pm. Tim seconded, adjourned.

Melissa Whitcomb, Town Clerk and Treasurer