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Selectboard Meeting 08/08/2023 6pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Teleia Pastore, and Leslie White.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:10pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:
 - a) Ricky motioned to sign the engagement letter allowing the lawyer to begin the tax sale process. Clayton seconded, approved.
 - b) Driveway permit to be discussed under number 8, Highway Department.
 - c) Linda Young resigned from her position on the Board of Civil Authority.
3. Citizens Input: Leslie White said she wanted to commend the Selectboard and the Road Commissioner for keeping our roads and Eden safe during the July flooding event.
4. Beach Update: none.
5. Health Officer Update: An ad for a new town health officer has been placed in the News & Citizen. Tim Bullard is the interim health officer as per Title 18 § 601.
6. The selectboard signed 5 orders. Clayton also signed the 7 orders from the previous meeting.
7. Ricky motioned to accept the minutes from the 07/25/23 selectboard meeting as is. Tim seconded, approved
8. Highway Department:
 - a) Driveway Permits: Tim motioned to approved one permit with the stipulation that it be built to town specifications and Clayton seconded. The other permit was not approved and Melissa will write a letter to the homeowner explaining this.
 - b) ROW Permit for Eustis Cable: Ricky motioned to approve 3 crossings (two at Knowles Flat and one at Old Deuso Road), Tim seconded, approved.
 - c) Paronto Road: Ricky motioned to pay the final bill and for Melissa to cut the check on Thursday. Tim seconded, approved.
 - d) Other Activities: the road crew is working on the Albany Road culvert and currently waiting on a Stream Alteration Permit.
9. Ricky motioned to ratify the additions and deletions from the 07/25/23 selectboard meeting: a junkyard permit for Phil Morin and a Right of Way permit for Eustis Cable. Tim seconded, approved.
10. Grant Update:
 - a) The Town has submitted the preliminary Request for Payment to FEMA for the July 2023

flood for costs of approximately \$46k. The next step is waiting for a case manager to contact us.

-The selectboard asked the Melissa and Teleia to look into grants to help replace aging equipment.

11. Other Business:

- a) Russ Beaudoin, Assessor, requested to contest the State of Vermont Order to Reappraise. Ricky motioned to sign a letter contesting the Order, Clayton seconded, approved. Tim signed the letter.
- b) Ricky motioned to approve the tax rate for 2023-2024 as follows:
 - i. Municipal Tax Rate: 0.7170%
 - ii. Resident (Homestead) Education Tax Rate: 1.5660%
 - iii. Non-resident Education Tax Rate: 1.6332%
 - iv. Total Resident Tax Rate: 2.2830%
 - v. Total Non-Resident Tax Rate: 2.3502%
 - vi. Last year's total resident tax rate was 2.1433%, so this year represents a 0.1397% increase over last year.
 - vii. Last year's non-resident tax rate was 2.2207, so this year will represent a 0.1295% increase over last year.
- c) Update on the Eden School as Emergency Shelter: none.
- d) Town Office Update: none.

12. FYI

- a) Tim asked if there was ever a motion to tape record the meetings on audiotape (ever voted into SB meetings). Melissa and Teleia will research this.
- b) Ricky motioned to accept Chris Donahue's and Linda Young's resignations. Clayton seconded, approved.

13. Clayton moved to adjourn, Tim seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 7:46pm.

Teleia Pastore, Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer