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Selectboard Meeting 08/22/2023 6pm

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

- 1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:02pm.
- 2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: none.
- 3. Citizens Input: none.
- 4. Beach Update: none.
- 5. Health Officer Update: With just one applicant, Clayton motioned to wait for more applicants in response to an ad in the newspaper. Tim seconded, approved.
- 6. Five orders were signed.
- 7. Tim motioned to accept the meeting minutes from 08/08/23 with corrections and Clayton seconded, approved.
- 8. Highway Department
 - a) The Paronto Road culvert is complete and the final payment is made.
 - b) Other Activities: Mowing is finished, the culvert on Albany Road will likely be completed next week, Ricky is looking for a good price on sand for winter, the Board discussed its role in town easements, and Ricky will alert the property owner of a new driveway that it isn't being built to town specifications. Ricky discussed applications received for the highway department.
- 9. Ricky motioned to ratify the additions and deletions of 08/08/23: Engagement letter for tax sale, an Access Permit for Anne-Maarit Javanainen, and a BCA resignation. Clayton seconded, approved.
- 10. Grant Update: The status of FEMA, MRGP, and Lake Eden grants was discussed, as well as a handful of potential grants for digitizing land records, drinking water for the beach, and replacing the oldest dump truck. Ricky asked if G1 Holdings might cover the Town's portion of the FEMA grants and Teleia agreed to find out. Clayton asked for grants for the Fire Department and Teleia agreed to look.
- 11. Other Business:
 - a) Tax Sale Update: The lawyer has sent out the letters. The Board discussed the deadlines and the importance of sticking to the policy for fairness to all.
 - b) Town Office Update: Domestic animals (donkeys, pigs, chickens) have been a problem recently and our Town Ordinances do not address these animals. One option is to defer to State ordinances but the Board asked Melissa and Teleia to look into revising the ordinance to include domestic animals as well as dogs and wolf-hybrids. Ricky motioned to accept Linda Young's resignation from the BCA as well as from being a JP. Clayton seconded, approved.
- 12. FYIs: Some thank you letters for the appropriation checks sent out a couple of weeks ago have arrived. A woman from the Small Business Association dropped flyers about the programs available to business and individuals affected by the floods. They are posted at the Eden Post Office, the Eden Town Office, and on the Town website. Teleia informed the Board that there was no record of the Board having voted to tape record the minutes. Ricky motioned to allow Melissa to write payroll and emergency checks prior Selectboard meetings when necessary. Clayton seconded, approved.
- 13. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 7:35pm and Tim seconded the motion. Adjourned.

Teleia Pastore, Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer