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Selectboard Meeting 09/26/2023 6pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Teleia Pastore, and Anne-Maarit and Juha Javanainen.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: none.

To accommodate those present, the Board moved to #9.

9. Highway Department

a) Javanainen Driveway Access Permit: The Javanainens came to discuss their driveway proposal. The Selectboard agreed to go out and see the property.

b) Update of Other Activities:

-One of the dump trucks isn't working.

-The team helped Hyde Park with their roads per the labor exchange agreement between Hyde Park and Eden.

-All FEMA projects for this year are finished.

Returning to Agenda #3.

3. Citizens' Input: Comcast's work and lack of permitting was a major topic of conversation. There have been several complaints from residents as well as damage to town roads. Despite multiple attempts to resolve the issues, Comcast has failed to respond. The Selectboard decided to contact the Town Lawyer about getting a Cease-and-Desist Order and also had Melissa call one of the Comcast representatives and ask for all work to be halted until a meeting can be held and the issues resolved.

4. Beach Update: Ricky will make sure topsoil is brought to the beach next week so that the plaque can be installed on Candy's bench before Craig leaves.

5. Health Officer Update: none.

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

7. The Board signed 5 orders.

Returning to Agenda #6.

6. Animal Control Update: Ordinance Review

-North Country Animal League is working on a policy, but they expect to be able to house stray dogs that pass their temperament test but only during specific hours.

-Ricky made a motion to accept the ordinance amendment, Clayton seconded, approved.

8. Minutes: Ricky motioned to accept the minutes of 09/12/23 with a slight change. Tim seconded, approved.

10. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 09/12/23: none.

11. Grant Update/Discussion

-LCBP's 2024 invasive species grant application is due 10/12/23 and is almost complete. Ricky motioned to sign the letter of support, Clayton seconded, so approved.

-We received the Swim Contract for 2024 with the same prices. Clayton moved to sign the contract, Tim seconded, approved.

-To offset the cost of the Swim Program, Teleia applied for a \$4,000 Step into Swim grant and is waiting to hear if the Town qualifies to apply for a \$4,000 Roessner Family Foundation Grant.

-Teleia could not find current grants for Firefighter Assistance. She found one that will open next August and she will put that in her calendar for next year.

-Teleia could not find any 2024 funding for highway vehicle replacement except one through the

DERA which requires fairly scientific measurements. She will keep looking.
-FEMA grants due September 30th are finished except for getting a couple of pictures.

12. Other Business

a) Tax Sale Update: Advice from the town lawyer was discussed, including delaying for a year the sale of a property whose heirs cannot be located. Melissa will ask the lawyer if we can begin the process of posting the property in newspapers and online now so that no time is wasted.

b) Town Office Update

-Contested reappraisal response: The State denied our contention and we will have to reappraise.

-Cost of online records: The Board discussed the cost of making our land records available online.

13. FYI: none.

14. At 7:50pm, Clayton moved to adjourn, Ricky seconded, approved.

Teleia Pastore, Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer