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Selectboard Meeting 11/14/2023 at 6pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Teleia Pastore, John Roessner, Will Wetzel from Charlebois, and Tasha Wallis from LCPC.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Citizens Input: John Roessner expressed concern over the increased traffic and speed of traffic on Ober Hill Road. As all town roads are posted at 35 mph, there wasn't much the Board could offer except a suggestion to call the State Police and ask them to pay special attention to that road when they are up here. Clayton also suggested organizing others on the road to call the State Police to help get them to help. In addition, the vandalized speed limit sign on the Eden side of the road will be replaced.

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

10e) Ricky motioned to sign and pay for the 2024 Western Star contract with extended warranty and Clayton seconded, approved. Melissa will add this vehicle to the insurance.

The Board returned to Agenda #4.

4. Town Health Officer Update: Melissa emailed the candidate with information about the position and asked if she was still interested. The candidate indicated she would look over the material and get back to us later in the week.

5. Animal Control Officer Update: None.

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

9. Lamoille County Planning Commission: Tasha Willis came to talk about increasing the Town's annual appropriation to LCPC. Without the appropriation, the Town would have to pay consultation fees for their help with community planning, including flood mitigation, hazard mitigation, action plans, and grants. She and Teleia will be in touch about the next round of grant writing.

The Board returned to Agenda #6.

6. 911 Address Update: The State wants to change several addresses on Cooper Hill Road so their GPS coordinates line up exactly with the street numbers. This would require those people to change their addresses. Instead, Tim motioned to change just one address to keep the addresses in numerical order, making it easy for the Fire Department to find them if necessary and making it so nobody has to go to the trouble of changing their address (the one change is a camp and does not have a mailbox). Clayton seconded, approved.

7. The Board signed eight (8) orders.

8. Ricky motioned to accept the meeting minutes and special meeting meetings of 10/24/23. Tim seconded, approved.

10. Highway Department

a) Winter Parking Ban: Ricky motioned to accept the Winter Parking Ban, Clayton seconded, approved.

b) ROW Permits (3) – Evergreen Landscaping: Each permit was for work already performed. On each, the Board noted that the prior work was unacceptable and that each must be repaired to town specifications.

c) Comcast Update: Ricky spoke with Comcast and asked to be present any time they do work across the roadway.

d) Pike Quote for Re-Paving Knowles Flat: The Board asked Melissa to get in touch with Eustis to figure out the process; will they pay Pike directly or pay us back for paying Pike to fix the road?

e) Update of Other Activities:

-One of the trucks is in the shop for clutch repair.

-Ricky spoke with a sheriff and the lawyer about noncompliant citizens and the process for engaging them.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions from 10/24/23: None.

12. Grant Update/Discussion: Ricky motioned to sign the NEIWPC Subrecipient Final Certification and Tim seconded, approved. This marks the end of the 2023 Eurasian Watermilfoil project.

13. Other Business:

a) Generator Maintenance Contract: Signed.

b) RFP for Reappraisal: The Board discussed the process and decided to place an ad.

c) Town Office Update: We have received the contract for the printing of the Town Report.

-Tax Sale: The Board discussed the process and asked Melissa to look into Small Claims Court for those properties unlikely to sell at auction.

-Office Addition: Clayton and Tim have been working on it.

14. Beach Update:

-We have been unable to get a written resignation from Johnna or Pam Uhlendorff. The Board decided to consider them resigned anyway.

-Melissa will place an ad for a Beach Manager for next year.

15. FYI:

a) We received a thank you card from a resident of Eden.

b) ACT 250 Jurisdictional Opinion for an Eden resident.

c) VT 250th commemoration of the American Revolution – the Board declined to participate.

d) Lamoille FiberNet Annual Report is out.

16. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Tim seconded, approved.

Teleia Pastore, Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer