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Selectboard Meeting 11/28/2023 at 6pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Teleia Pastore, and Kristina Brown from the Eden Planning Commission

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:01 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:
 - a) The Lamoille County Budget/Meeting Time was reviewed
 - b) The Selectboard received a card from Lamoille County Sheriff's Dept.
 - c) The Fire Department Budget and a bill for Air Packs was received and reviewed.
 - d) An inquiry from a delinquent taxpayer was moved to Other Business
3. Citizens Input: Kristina Brown from the Eden Planning Commission discussed what the EPC is currently working on including a survey for the townspeople that the EPC is hoping to finalize at their next meeting for the Selectboard to review.
4. A resident has confirmed interest in the Health Officer position that is currently open. Melissa will try to arrange for them to attend the next Selectboard meeting.
5. Animal Control Officer Update: None.
6. 911 Address Update: We are still waiting for Tyler Hermanson from the state to approve an address update on Cooper Hill Road concerning numbers being out of sequence.
7. The Board signed eight (6) orders.
8. Clayton motioned to accept the meeting minutes of 11/14/23. Ricky seconded, approved.
9. Highway Department
 - a) Winter Parking Ban: Melissa sent letter(s) as requested to some residents reminding them of the parking ban and asking them to keep vehicles out of the road and Right of Way to allow for proper cleanup of the snow. The board discussed some ongoing issues with the R.O.W obstructions that are not allowing the Highway Dept. to maintain the roads properly. Melissa will consult with the town lawyer in regards to communication directly between the lawyer and residents who have not complied with prior requests from the town.
 - b/c) Comcast Update: No response has been received from Eustis Cable regarding the quote for damage to Knowles Flat Road. Melissa will reach out to Melissa Pierce, the Manager from Comcast that attended the Special Meeting on 10/17/23.
 - d) Ricky presented the correct warranty for the 2024 Western Star. Charlebois inadvertently gave us the incorrect one previously. Tim signed the correct warranty and Ricky will return it to Charlebois.
 - e) Update of Other Activities: None

10. Ratify Additions and Deletions from 11/14/23: None.

11. Grant Update/Discussion:

- a) Teleia presented the board with a list of grants she thought they may be interested in pursuing.
- b) Bridge grants are available but we do not have a need for any at the moment due to financial constraints.
- c) VT Better Roads: Teleia will email Mackenzie Boyle in regards to possible VAG (VT Asbestos Group) money for the Boy Scout Road where we are planning to replace a culvert with a bridge.
- d) FEMA Roads Throughout Eden: Ricky motioned to sign the closeout agreement, Tim seconded, approved.
- e) Paronto Road: Army Corps/FEMA needs forms signed for closeout of project. Ricky motioned to sign, Tim seconded, approved and signed.
- f) ARPA: A brief discussion was had about remaining ARPA funds and how/when they will be used.

12. Other Business:

- a) Information was reviewed about the pending budget/Sheriff's contract
- b) Information was shared about the possible removal of the power pole across from the beach that isn't being used and needs replacing
- c) A letter from VTrans was shared confirming that the state will not adjust the Speed Limit in the area of the boat launch.
- d) A delinquent taxpayer who is also up for tax sale has verbally requested an abatement hearing. The board agreed a form would be sent for them to fill out as the request must be done in writing before a meeting can be scheduled. Once the form is returned, Melissa will contact the members of the Board of Abatement to schedule a hearing.
- e) The board discussed possibly switching from Suburban to another company to save money on propane. Melissa will look into pricing elsewhere.

13. Beach Update: We received a written resignation for Pam and Johnna Uhlendorff, the board had previously considered them resigned after not hearing from them and receiving word through Craig Rounds.

14. FYI:

- a) The Town received a check for Eden's portion of the final sale of one of the Fire Trucks.
- b) Information was given to the Selectboard for available Narcan Training.
- c) The Selectboard spent some time discussing specifications for the addition to the Town Office.

15. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:29 pm. Tim seconded, approved.

Melissa Whitcomb Town Clerk and Treasurer