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Selectboard Meeting 01/09/2024 at 6pm

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

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
2. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. RFP Town Reappraisal Discussion: Melissa called Russ Beaudoin from Appraisal Resource Group to ask a couple of questions about the RFP they submitted. Asked if every parcel would be visited, Russ said yes and that it is required by law. Russ also confirmed the final cost of the project. The SB will discuss it more at the next meeting when Clayton can be there.
4. Health Officer Update: None.
5. Citizens Input: None.
6. Animal Control Officer Update: The current plan of most of the nearby towns is to lease a currently unused wing of North Country Animal League's shelter. It would require about \$30k in renovations and then the towns would share the lease, pro-rated by town population. We are waiting to hear specifics.
7. Eden Central School as Emergency Shelter Update: The Board reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding sent over from the school. Melissa will follow up and ask if we can change the biannual meetings to annual meetings and add the designated areas we would use.
8. The Selectboard signed six (6) orders. Clayton will sign at the next meeting.
9. Minutes: Review minutes of 12/26/23: Ricky stated that he had already called Norm, not that he would call Norm. The Board decided to wait to vote on the notes until Clayton is back.
10. Highway Department
 - a) Comcast/Eustis Update: Norm from Pike Industries told Ricky he had not heard from Comcast and Conrad Ritchie from Comcast told Melissa that Jeff Avery from Eustis left Norm a message.
 - b) The Highway Department has been plowing and sanding. Ricky discussed problems he is having with plowing.
 - c) Boy Scout Road Bridge: The contract drafted by Tyler Billingsly from East Engineering requires the winning bidder to be finish the entire project within 60 days of signing the contract but Ricky isn't sure that will be reasonable -- some materials may take longer. Ricky will talk to Tyler about it. The pre-bid meeting is January 17, 2024.
 - d) The Certificate of Highway Mileage – Ricky questioned some of the mileage on the form and Melissa will look into it further.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None.

12. Grant Update/Discussion:

- a) Participating in MTAP makes LCPC eligible to be paid for the work they do to help the town update the Eden Town Plan. A decision will be made when Clayton returns.
- b) There is a grant opportunity that would pay 25% of the cost to finance a new dump truck to replace the oldest one in our fleet. The Board decided not to pursue this grant.
- c) The Board reviewed a letter to the Hyde Park Selectboard and Fire Station #1 asking if they are interested in a grant that would completely fund the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Department remodel.
- d) The energy assessment we did a few months ago makes us eligible for grants that would pay for energy upgrades but the grant money will not be available until fall, after the building addition is slated to be built. The Board wants to pursue this funding.
- e) As requested, Teleia contacted Hyde Park's Ron Rodjenski to see if Hyde Park might be interested in a grant to pay for the North Hyde Park/Eden Fire Station remodel. He asked her to write a letter he could take to the Hyde Park Selectboard and the Prudential Committee of Hyde Park Fire Station #1. After reviewing the letter and suggesting some revisions, the Selectboard agreed the letter could be sent.

13. Other Business:

- a) Bullard Award & Town Report Dedication: The Board chose to delay this until they can talk with Clayton. They decided to do the same with the SB Report for the Town Report.

14. Beach Update: Caretaker's Cottage: Ricky has gotten estimates for needed equipment/materials for demolishing the building.

15. FYI: None.

16. Budget:

- a) Tasha from LCPC: They will talk about this with Clayton.
- b) Other budget business: This will also be something to discuss with Clayton. They tentatively scheduled two meetings for next week to work on the budget.

17. At 7:45 pm, Ricky motioned to adjourn, Tim seconded, approved.

Teleia Pastore, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer