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Selectboard Meeting 01/23/2024 at 6pm

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

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:00pm.

2. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda: Ricky motioned to approve the Gihon Trak Packer agreement with the following stipulations: they do not put snow in the road, they have proper signage, and they provide proof of insurance. Clayton seconded, approved.

To accommodate those present the Board moved to #18 on the agenda.

18. Budget: Tim motioned to sign the warning and approve the budget (Highway total of \$655,055.00 and Selectboard total of \$608,197.28) at \$1,263,252.28. Clayton seconded, approved.

To accommodate those present the Board moved to #15 on the agenda.

15. Ricky motioned to approve the articles and sign the warning provided dollar amounts are added to article 13. Clayton seconded, approved.

The Board returned to Agenda #3.

3. Assessor Info:

a) RFP Town Reappraisal: Ricky motioned to accept the Appraisal Resource Group RFP for \$61,800, not including printing and postage for change of appraisal notices. Tim seconded, approved.

b) Equalization Study: Eden's common level of appraisal for the 2023 study is 73.8%. The 2022 result that prompted the reappraisal was 85.17%.

4. Health Officer Update: None.

5. Citizens Input: None.

6. Animal Control Officer Update: None.

7. Eden Central School as Emergency Shelter Update: Ricky motioned to sign the Memorandum of Understanding that makes the school available to the town in an emergency. Clayton seconded, approved.

8. The Board signed five (5) orders.

9. Minutes: Ricky motioned to accept the minutes as written from 01/09/24, Tim seconded, approved. Clayton abstained from the vote because he could not make that meeting. Tim motioned to accept the minutes from 12/26/23, 01/16/24, and 01/18/24 with an organizational and dollar change to the Jaws of Life estimate. Clayton seconded, approved.

10. Highway Department

a) Comcast/Eustis/Pike Update: Ricky spoke with Norm at Pike, who told him Pike and Eustis are working on an agreement.

b) Overweight Permits: Ricky motioned to approve to town specs both the Newport Sand & Gravel/Carroll Concrete and Bourne's Energy applications. Clayton seconded, approved.

c) Certificate of Highway Miles: Clayton motioned to sign the certificate with no changes, Tim seconded, approved.

d) Other: The Board discussed ongoing issues at Camp Road. Melissa will contact the town lawyer about next steps and cameras will be installed in all town-owned trucks.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None.

12. Grant Update/Discussion:

a) Pre-bid meeting was changed to Friday 01/19/24. Nine companies attended the pre-bid meeting in the cold at Boy Scout Road. Next Wednesday, the bids will be opened at the Town Office.

b) Knotweed grant – Ricky motioned to sign the letter of support, Clayton seconded, approved.

c) NHP/Eden Fire Department – Tim will keep an eye out for an email from the grant system telling him his account is set up. At that point, Teleia will be able to proceed with the application.

d) Grant proposal: The Board reviewed a grant management procedure and nobody raised any questions or concerns.

e) Other: None.

13. Other Business:

a) The Board discussed who the recipients of the Town Report dedication and the Bullard Award should be.

b) CAI Technologies Contract Renewal: Ricky motioned to sign the contract renewal, Tim seconded, approved.

14. Beach Update: The Board reviewed and discussed applications for the Beach/Campground Manager position.

16. Liquor/Tobacco License Renewal: Ricky motioned to approve the Eden General Market LLC's application, Tim seconded, approved.

17. FYI: None.

19. Ricky motioned to adjourn at 8:02pm, Clayton seconded, approved.

Teleia Pastore, Assistant Town Clerk & Treasurer