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Selectboard Meeting 02/13/2024 at 6pm

Present at the meeting were Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White, Teleia Pastore, Steve Sackett, Hayden Smith (Trust for Public Land), Kate Sudhoff and Gunnar Nurme (Dept. Of Forest Parks & Rec), and Jared Lilly

1. Ricky opened the meeting at 6:01pm.
2. Additions & Deletions to the Agenda: Added were Personnel which was moved and discussed at the end of the agenda, and two overweight permits discussed under Highway.
3. Hayden, Kate, and Gunnar spoke about preserving a large piece of land containing 358 acres owned by Greatwoods LLC. The property is surrounded by other lands owned by Greatwoods that are already in a preservation program. This would allow the lands to eventually be open for public use. They were looking for a letter of support from the Selectboard.

To accommodate those present, the Board moved to #5 on the agenda.

5. Licensing: Steve Sackett, a local businessman in town discussed his plans for potentially opening a small restaurant and bar at the former Eden Mini Mart location. He was looking for support from the Selectboard before moving forward. The Selectboard recommended printing flyers to distribute to the public, possibly at Town Meeting, that would allow for public opinion on the matter.
6. Citizen's Input: Jared Lilly from Camp Road was present to discuss concerns regarding his property and road.

Returning to #4 on the agenda

4. Beach Update:
 - a) Pam was not at the meeting so no action was taken.
 - b) Applications for Beach Manager will be reviewed once Tim is present.
 - c) Utility Pole will be discussed when Tim returns as well.

(There were inadvertently two #5's placed on the agenda)

5. Health Officer Update: None.

7. Animal Control Officer Update:
 - a) Inga Luebkmann resigned as the Animal Control Officer.
 - b) Info was shared on a potential kennel opportunity.
 - c) Discussed some concerns with loose dogs in the area, Melissa will contact one of the constables if needed.

8. (7) Orders were signed.

9. The Board will wait for Tim to review previous minutes.

10. Highway dept:

a) Resident has verbally requested some town records pertaining to Camp Road. The resident was asked to submit the request in writing with specific information that they are seeking.

b) Clayton motioned to approve and sign excess weight permits for Curtis Lumber, Jack F Corse, Gosselin Water Wells, RG Gosselin Inc., Tatro Construction, and Working Dog Septic. Ricky seconded, approved.

c) VT Electric has submitted a Right of Way Occupancy Request which will be addressed at the next meeting when Tim is present.

d) Bids were reviewed for the upcoming Boy Scout Road project.

e) Ricky asked for a benefit package information sheet for a person interested in a position with the Highway Department.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None.

12. Grant Update/Discussion:

a) Info was given on electric charging stations. The board asked who would be paying for the electricity after the install. More info is needed.

b.) The Town will not be pursuing a grant for Knotweed.

c.) The application for the Greeter Grant is in the process of being written.

d) Application for MRGP for next year will need to be started for Structures/Class 2 Roads. The board discussed upcoming projects and potentials for FY 24/25.

13. Other Business:

a) The Board reviewed the budget status report and asked that it be presented with the original information from the accounting system as it has been in the past.

b) Town Meeting was briefly discussed. Melissa is working on a list of poll workers

c) Signing of the Annual Certificate of No Appeal or Suit Pending was postponed until all board members are present.

d) An inquiry was made as to whether the Town has adopted the Stretch Energy Code, Eden has not.

14. FYI: The Selectboard reviewed information from KevaCo our web provider and NEMS the ambulance service.

At 8:25pm, Ricky motioned to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A § 313A 4 to discuss a personnel matter. Clayton seconded the motion and Melissa was invited to the session. The session ended at 8:45pm with no decisions being made.

15. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:46 pm, Ricky seconded, approved.

Melissa Whitcomb, Town Clerk & Treasurer