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Minutes of the Regular Selectboard Meeting March 26, 2024. Present at the meeting were: Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Alec Jones, Wendy Lane, Melissa Whitcomb, and Leslie White

1. Open Meeting; Tim opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: none.
3. Beach Update:
 - a) Japanese Knotweed was discovered at the Lake Eden Recreation Area in 2022, a small patch in the grass near the water. Wendy suggests cleaning up the dead material from last year and then through the summer, pull the stalks every two weeks bagging the plant material and throwing it away. She does not recommend composting the organic material. Mowing is not recommended for control. It will be a multiyear process. The board will contact Wendy to participate in a site visit when the beach opens.
 - b) Inquiry about access to LERA by GMATV club. The board stated that any ATV's visiting the Recreation Area will be required to use the existing driveway access and shall park in an assigned, designated area at the Lake Eden Recreation Area grounds.
 - c) Other: The estimate to provide the seasonal water system maintenance by Plumbing Solutions is \$3000. Ricky motioned to approve the work proposal. Clayton seconded. Approved.
4. Grants:
 - a) Alec Jones, Lamoille County Planning Commission. Alec offered to assist with the transportation grants moving forward and will talk with LCPC director Tasha Wallace on assistance with the existing grants we have in progress related to transportation, the fire department and Lake Eden.
 - b) MRGP Annual Report Form. Alec Jones has assisted the office in the reporting process according to regulations. There was also discussion regarding the Flood Insurance Program as a means to increase the amount of grant funding reimbursed by the State. FEMA is in the process of updating flood maps for the town so any decision on participation would need to wait until the new flood maps are completed. Ricky motioned to sign the report, Clayton seconded. Approved.
 - c) Update/Discussion: to include FEMA 2023 Flood Closeout. Leslie presented the board with the closing financial summary for the July 2023 Flood and the anticipated funds expected.
5. Health Officer Update: As of April 1st, Faye Cochran takes over as the new Health officer
6. Citizens Input: none
7. Animal Control Officer Update: none
8. Sign Orders (6)
9. Minutes: Review minutes of the two meetings on 3/12/24. Change 'agenda' to 'minutes' on both meetings. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes with corrections; Clayton seconded. Approved.
10. Highway Department:
 - a) Overweight Permits. Ricky made the motion to approve the overweight permits according to Town specs. for: Austin Construction Inc., Blow and Cote Inc., Camp Precast Concrete Products Inc., Consolidated Communications, Cota Trucking Company, Countryside Septic, Ernest Krusch, New England Quality Service Inc., Oil Supply Corp., Pike Industries, Structural Wood Corp., SD Ireland, and Wind River Environmental. Clayton seconded. Approved.
 - b) Other: The new highway truck is having the final coat of paint and the 2012 Freightliner needs a new windshield.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
12. Other Business:
 - a) Local Emergency Management Plan Ricky motioned to sign the updated plan, Tim seconded, approved and signed.
 - b) Other: NEMS sent communication of increased staffing for April 8th. The eclipse and the anticipated influx of people on the roads and in town for the event were discussed. Ricky made the motion to sign the contracts for Swampguana and Arrowwood Environmental, LLC, the 2 contractors that will be working to mitigate Eurasian milfoil in Lake Eden this summer. Tim seconded. Approved.
 - c) Clerk's Office Addition Update. The board reviewed the plan added details for the scope of work to put out to bid. The size of the vault, the location within the addition and a second access to the basement was discussed.
13. FYI: Contracts for the assessor will be reviewed at the next meeting.
14. Clayton made the motion to adjourn at 8:53pm. Tim seconded. The meeting adjourned.