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### SELECTBOARD MEETING

**April 22, 2025 @ 5:00 pm**

Present were Tim Bullard, Clayton Whittemore, Ricky Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin, Matt Reed, Jared Lilly, Trevor Bidwell, Kristina Brown, Daniel Lathrop, Julie Gates, Pam Uhlendorff, Hannah Speer, Bryce Niles, Faye Cochran, Alec Jones, Conrad Becker

1. Tim opened the meeting at 5:00pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Faye Cochran/ Matt Hill with a health complaint-move to after Camp Rd
3. Camp Rd Survey: Matt Reed came in to meet with the property owners on Camp Road to answer any questions they may have about the survey. One property owner did have a couple of concerns. The Selectboard let him know that the town is not asking anyone to move permanent structures, but any other objects need to be moved from the right of way for plowing and grading. The resident also asked how they could make the road either a class 4 road or a one-way road. Tim told the resident we would look into that and let him know what the process is. The resident also asked if all class 3 roads were going to be surveyed. Tim said that the town is not going to do a survey on every road at this time but if there becomes an issue with any of the other roads, they will be surveyed as well. The board has asked Melissa to order fiberglass stakes to be placed along the right of way on Camp Rd. The town will be sending out another letter informing property owners of when Matt will be coming to place the stakes and that they can reach out to the Town Clerk's office if they would like to have input on placement.
4. Citizens Input: None
5. Health Officer Update: Faye Cochran received a complaint Sunday evening about illegal burning on East Hill Road. Faye reached out to Matt Hill to accompany her to the property due to some past issues. Matt also needed to address several unregistered dogs. They found an area where things had been recently burned. After speaking with the tenants, they agreed that they would have it cleaned up by Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4pm when Faye and Matt return. The tenants were advised to not burn such items again as it is illegal. They are also going to help the tenants get the dogs registered on Friday if they have all the proper paperwork needed. Faye asked the Selectboard to look into adopting an ordinance for burning so it can be enforced locally.
6. Beach Update: Pam Uhlendorff came with an update regarding the beach. They have someone interested in filling the last seasonal site. Ricky stated that it was up to her as the manager, but that we should fill it if possible. They have started to get the rec area ready for the season. Pam asked Ricky about topsoil and helping with the docs. He said he would go down after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
7. Alec Jones/LCPC: Alec Jones spoke about the Town Plan. They have made it through the first 5 chapters but would like to start coming to the Selectboard meetings and work with them and the Planning Commission together to get it done, as it needs to be adopted by December of 2025. Alec did mention that the public hearing needs to be in August/ September. The board agreed with the Alec and Planning Commission coming to future meetings to help move it along faster. Julie Gates expressed interest in the Planning Commission last week and Ricky motioned to appoint Julie to the Planning Commission. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
8. Eden Youth Sports: Newly appointed members came for a brief discussion with the Selectboard. They received a copy of the policy, the Open Meeting Law Q&A from VLCT, and examples of an agenda and meeting minutes. They were advised to set a meeting time and date to reorganize the board. Tim stated that after some discussion regarding the new policy they wanted to change some wording to include children from other towns who wish to play. Ricky motioned to revise the policy with the new changes. Clayton seconds the motion. The policy was revised.

9. Local Emergency Management Plan Review & Adoption: Ricky motioned to approve Local Emergency Management Plan, Clayton seconds the motion. The plan was adopted.
10. Animal Control Update: Was addressed under additions and deletions with the Health Officer
11. Signed 4 orders
12. Minutes: Review minutes of 4/8/25 (2). Clayton motioned to approve both sets of minutes as written. Ricky seconded. Motion approved.
13. Highway Dept.:
  - a. Spring/Summer Traffic Counts- The board has decided to ask for the Traffic Count to be done for speed and counts on Knowles Flat Road. They would like it to either be done now- June 1<sup>st</sup> or after September 1<sup>st</sup> so that school is in session. One will go by the entrance of the school and the second one will be by White Road.
  - b. Permits: They had two overweight permits. Andrew Lawrence and Riggs Distler & Company. Ricky Motioned to approve all the overweight permit to town specifications. Clayton seconded. Approved.
  - c. Ricky motioned to approve a permit from Consolidated Communications for directional drilling on Old Deuso Rd to town specifications. Ricky will need to be contacted by the company prior to any work so he can be there to inspect. Clayton seconded, approved.
  - d. Other- Ricky motioned to pull the posted signs effective May 4<sup>th</sup> on roads except for East Hill, which will remain posted until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Clayton seconded, approved. The Western Star Truck is still down waiting on parts to get here. Ricky also brought in some quotes for sweeper and excavator with a chipper on it. The board was good with the quotes. They will begin trucking crushed gravel to the town garage starting in late May. Ricky is starting to line up drivers for that.
14. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
15. Grant Update/Discussion:
  - a. Lake Champlain Basin Program/NEIWPC Grant Work Plan- Ricky motioned to sign. Tim seconded, approved and signed.
  - b. ANR Grant Awards- They received two grants but Colleen will have to pick which grant will be used.
  - c. Grant In Aid Letter of Intent- Tim motioned to sign the letter of Intent. Clayton seconded, approved and signed.
  - d. Other- Molly explained that Victoria Hellwig came to talk to her about the Energy Efficient Grant. They have a program if we would like them to help get bids or quotes. The board had some follow up questions with the grant. Molly will reach back out to Victoria to get those questions answered before the next meeting.
16. Other Business:
17. FYI:
18. Adjourn. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 7:25pm. Tim Seconded, adjourned.