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Selectboard/Fire Department Minutes December 03, 2025 NHP/Eden Fire Department

Present were Brent Lanpher, Marvin Whitcomb, Mark Walker, Dakota Aither, Matt Morin, Savannah Droney, Nicole Chauvin, Jennifer Tricou, Chasity Fagnant, Alex Goddard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Molly Morin, Melissa Whitcomb

- 1. Meeting opened the meeting at 7:00pm
- 2. The Fire Department's proposed budget was reviewed and discussed. Ricky questioned the proposed amount for insurance based on the amount spent in the previous year, he did not want the Fire Department to short themselves. Marvin explained that some of it was due to the timing of when bills were paid which caused a payment to fall in the incorrect year. They also received a rebate of \$2499. Marvin was confident that the amount proposed was sufficient.
- 3. Brent explained the breakdown of the proposed paving project for the entire parking lot. Although \$70000 was listed on the budget chart, it was not included in the total figure as he was unsure how the two towns wanted to handle it. After some discussion, Tim suggested that it be separate from the budget so that the towns could pull from other funds if they wish and also so that the entire budget wasn't at risk of potentially being voted down due to the paving. Ricky stated that Eden has a Fire Department Reserve account that we budget for yearly for expenses like this. Matt said that Hyde Park didn't have enough in their reserve to cover their share. The members of Hyde Park agreed that they too would like to find the money elsewhere rather than pass it on to the taxpayers. All agreed that the paving would be listed separately and once Hyde Park determined how they planned to fund it, they would let Eden know. The Eden Selectboard would then vote on funding and how to present it to the taxpayers so that they have all of the information even though the money will not be raised through future taxes.
- 4. Ricky motioned to accept the budget as proposed without the paving cost, and with a total of \$93000 to be shared between Hyde Park and Eden. Clayton seconded, approved.
- 5. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 7:45pm, Tim seconded, adjourned.