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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2026

Present were Timothy Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Beach: None
5. Animal Control Update: None
6. Health Officer Update: The Town Office received some documents for recording from the State of Vermont Department of Public Safety regarding 447 East Hill Road. It is an apartment building that has had ongoing code violations. An order has been issued that states if the violations aren't corrected and confirmed by inspection by September 15th, 2026, the building will be CLOSED. Currently they are not supposed to rent to any new tenants.
7. Sign Orders: 3 orders were signed
8. Minutes: Review minutes of 8/13/26: Ricky motioned to approve the minutes, Clayton seconded, approved.
9. Highway Dept. Update: Ricky informed the board that the loader has been fixed. Pike is finished paving on North Road. Other than a few minor things, the job was done well.
10. Ratify Additions and Deletions: Tasha Wallis Deletion from 8/13/26. Due to scheduling conflicts, Tasha won't be able to make it until November probably. Ricky motioned to ratify the deletion. Tim seconded, approved.
11. Grant Update/Discussion: Melissa let Ricky know that a reminder was sent regarding the delivery of the new play structure for LERA. The board asked a few questions regarding preparation of the site. These were asked previously and Melissa will get with Molly to see what information was gathered regarding prep work. A quote was received from Morin's Maintenance and Carpentry in regards to rebuilding the stairs and handicap ramp in front of the office. We received some funds as part of a grant for which the deadline is nearing and we have not been successful in finding anyone interested in redoing the ramp. To keep things moving, Tim motioned to hire Morin's at an hourly rate of \$60 for an estimate of 80 hours total. They must provide a certificate of insurance and a materials list to the Town. The Town will pay for material directly. Clayton seconded and Ricky abstained from the vote. Approved. Tim will contact another construction company that he recently learned of to ask for an estimate on some or all of the addition project.
12. Set Tax Rate: After some discussion, Tim motioned to approve the tax rate for 2026-2027. The resident rate will be \$2.4911 and nonresident will be \$2.6815. This is a small increase, approximately 4 cents per \$1000 over last year. Ricky seconded, approved.
13. FYI: Notice was received from the Land Use Review Board about an upcoming public hearing. Ricky asked if Lucas Tree Service finished trimming near the power lines at the beach. Melissa stated that they had and that according to Melissa Morin, everything went well after Ricky spoke with VT Electric Co op. Ricky said the tree company is also supposed to come back and clean out some ditches that they filled with wood chips while working in town. The Selectboard asked if they had decided to hire Alexander Chidiac to remove the tree on town property across from the beach. Melissa reminded them that they had agreed to hire him if he changes the disclaimer on his contract and provides insurance as required.
14. Ricky motioned to adjourn at 6:54pm, Clayton seconded. Adjourned