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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 13, 2026

Present were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Juha & Anne-Maarit Javanainen, Reice Branon, Andy Anderson, Melissa Morin (by phone)

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None

The board skipped to number 10 to accommodate those present

4. Beach:

a) Melissa W. verified line by line that changes made were accurate to what the Selectboard discussed in the prior meeting. Ricky motioned to approve all updates to the general rules, lottery rules, rates, and campsite agreement. Clayton seconded, approved.

b) The Selectboard and Melissa M. discussed concerns with newly installed playground equipment at LERA. During installation, questions were raised as to whether it was the correct set as it looked much smaller and shorter than expected. A playset advertised for ages 2-12 was ordered and it appears more for preschool age. Melissa W. reached out to the company we purchased from, noting specifically that the sticker on the playset says 2-5 years. The rep stated that it was rated for 2-5 and 5-12 year olds and is just missing a sticker. She assured us that it was exactly what was ordered. Unfortunately, that is not what we were expecting. The Selectboard will be revisiting the site to check the integrity due to the installers not setting the concrete correctly from what they observed during the install. They attempted to address this at the time and it was supposed to be taken care of but the crew left before meeting with anyone from the Town when it was finished. A new ADA sand digger was purchased as well and appears to be put together wrong, Melissa W. will reach out and get an installation manual so that we can correct it before next season. We also purchased a new ADA swing that was added to an existing swing set. Overall, we had a less than satisfactory experience with the installation crew and process as a whole, but we will have a new playset that we are hoping the kids will enjoy come Spring.

There was a brief discussion on some electrical problems with seasonal sites which appear to be due to the campers drawing too much power. The Selectboard again mentioned the option to lease LERA out to someone else to operate. Melissa W. will look into setting up a call with the State of VT and possibly VLCT to get additional info before moving forward with anything.

5. Animal Control Update: None
6. Health Officer Update: None
7. Grant Update/Discussion: Melissa W. inquired as to whether Ricky planned to apply for a Highway grant due at the end of October. He was undecided.
8. 6 orders were signed
9. Reviewed minutes of 9/22/26- Clayton motioned to approve as written, Ricky seconded, approved.
10. Highway Dept. Update:
    a) Driveway Permit Request for the Javanainens: Reice Branon from Mumley Engineering was here with a design and to discuss a proposed second driveway on the property at 1703 Warren Road. The Selectboard has previously denied a second access based on site distance and the practice of only allowing one access per parcel unless the parcel is divided by a brook or something making it necessary. Reice is going to stake it out so that the Selectboard can visit the proposed site for further discussion.
    b) HWY Other: Andy Anderson asked Ricky when the culvert was going to be replaced at the end of his driveway on Warren Road. Ricky stated that they have had this conversation in the past and that he was not going to be replacing it. Culverts are replaced in order of need and priority with limited resources and Ricky doesn't feel like this is a necessity. Some damage was done to the culvert by a person hired by Andy to clean it out previously, but Ricky said there has not been an issue with the water recently. The Selectboard will visit the property when they do the next driveway visits and check it out.
11. Other:
    a) Yearly Outside Audit Cost & Discussion: Due to the lack of elected auditors, Melissa W. suggested that the Selectboard consider having a yearly audit done by an outside firm. Sullivan Powers quoted $28000 to start and the cost would go up by inflation each year. This is a lot more than we have budgeted for in any year and Tim suggested maybe finding someone certified that would be willing to do it, not necessarily a firm. Melissa W. will look into it.
    b) Tax Sale Update & Discussion: The town lawyer has withdrawn from further representing the town so Melissa W. will contact another attorney to handle the tax sale.
    c) Personnel Discussion: Tim motioned to go into executive session per 1 V.S.A §313(a)(3) to discuss personnel matters at 8:01pm with the Selectboard members and Melissa W. invited to join. Ricky seconded, approved. Tim motioned to come out of executive session at 8:53pm. Clayton seconded, approved with no decisions being made.
12. Tim motioned to adjourn at 8:54pm, Ricky seconded, adjourned.