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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

October 27, 2026

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

1. Tim opened the meeting at 5:50pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Beach: The new play set warranty was discussed. The installation warranty is good for one year and although the board thinks the footings need more cement, they will wait until Spring to see how it has held up through the winter. Any alterations done by them will void the warranty. Payment will be made to the vendor but the board would like a letter stating our dissatisfaction with the whole experience. The wood chips will be added in the Spring and the grant paperwork will be submitted at that time.
   Melissa will schedule a conference call between the board and one of the grant specialists from the VT Dept. of Forests, Parks, and Rec to discuss leasing options for the town beach/campground.
5. Grant Update/Discussion: The board signed some closeout paperwork for one of the highway grants.
   Tim signed an agreement for a town account at RK Miles so that we may order supplies directly for the MERP grant that work is still being performed on.
   Morin's Maintenance & Carpentry will be starting to rebuild the front ramp this weekend while the office is closed. The deadline for the MERP grant has been extended so we will have some time in the Spring to complete a few more items. Melissa also informed Ricky that one of his highway grant application deadlines has been extended by three weeks if he still wishes to apply.
   It was requested that Melissa contact Alec Jones regarding the potential funding for the office addition to see if there was any new information.
6. Four (4) orders were signed
7. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes of 10/13/26 as written, Clayton seconded, approved.
8. Highway Dept. Update:
   a) ROW Permit: A ROW permit was received from JBC Utility for 1202 East Hill Road. However, when Ricky checked the requested location, a line had already been placed prior to approval of the permit. The line was placed right alongside the blacktop on the edge of the road. That will need to be moved as any work in the ditch will damage the line. In speaking with a representative with JBC, they stated that they had not done any

work yet. That rep called Sean Lewis from Consolidated to try to determine what had gone on. A line was definitely installed, apparently by a different company and we are told Sean is looking into it.

b) Schedule Driveway Visits: There are several driveway permits needing review. The Selectboard will arrange to check the work/location of each and discuss at the next meeting. Melissa will email Tim a list of all names and addresses to prepare.

c) Other: The Selectboard briefly discussed the ongoing matter regarding the Right of Way on Camp Road. They agreed that after investing in a survey and legal counsel to pursue the matter, they wish to see it through to its conclusion and hope for a judgement in the town's favor. The town's lawyer will be notified of these wishes.

9. Other Business: Melissa asked the Selectboard if they had any particular questions or concerns for Monaghan Safar before making the decision to engage with them for all town legal matters now that we will no longer be working with Jim Barlow. They inquired about rates and Melissa will get that info for them along with some other basic info. There are no conflict of interest concerns and it appears they can handle all of our business so it is likely we will move forward.

   Alexander from Small Town Tree Service has removed a problem tree on town property across from LERA. Previously, the adjacent homeowner had paid for several large limbs to be removed that were hanging over his property. The Selectboard agreed it would be best to remove it completely as it would likely be an issue in the future.

10. FYI: Lamoille FiberNet Annual Report
11. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 6:36pm, Tim seconded, adjourned.

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