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Held at Town Office at 6pm

SELECTBOARD Minutes

05/14/2024

Present were Timothy Bullard, Clayton Whittemore, Ricky Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Darlene Creighton, Shannon & Ellen Friedrich, Kurt Salvas & Millie Huckler, Greg Povey & Scott Brooks, Carey Earle, and Erica Webb

1. Open Meeting: Tim opened the meeting at 6pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Green Mountain ATV Riders: Shannon and Ellen Friedrich joined the meeting in place of Chad Letourneau. They discussed with the Selectboard a few areas of concern regarding the Cemetery Road and Warren Road. Ricky stated that they would fix the issues on Cemetery Road and asked that the ATV club maintain it afterwards. Shannon agreed that a culvert done on Warren Road last year would need to be redone to conform to town specs. The Selectboard asked that the ATV club take care of any trails where it is apparent that work is needed to fix damage caused by the ATV riders.
4. Kurt Salvas, Parsonage Road: Kurt came to speak to the Selectboard and asked if he could make changes to part of the road to include the turn around spot for the town trucks. He would like the last 200 feet to become private. The Selectboard let him know that there is a specific process to change any portion to private. They will plan on meeting at the site at a later time to review and discuss his proposed plan.
5. Consolidated Communications: Scott Brooks and Gary Povey were here from Consolidated/Fidium Fiber and Carey Earle, our representative from Lamoille FiberNet joined. Fidium is the contractor chosen by Lamoille FiberNet to install and service fiber. They talked about the plans for installing the fiber which they project will start in June and finish by end of September. Scott explained how the fiber would encompass existing lines that Consolidated has in place and that they already have all agreements in place for access. Greg encouraged people to ask for installs early (fidiumfiber.com) as they can get it done as part of the rollout process rather than installation at time the service is requested. There is no commitment needed to get a drop to your home in case you decide to use it later. The only locations not serviced will be people who are "off the grid". Gary and Scott want to make people aware that they will be seeing workers from either Fidium or Consolidated in the area as well as direct sales teams possibly coming to your doors. Melissa will email Greg and Scott the ROW Permit form in case it is needed. They also thanked Lamoille FiberNet for really pushing to get fiber to these areas.
6. Citizens Input: None

Melissa took a moment to introduce Erica Webb the new Beach manager and Darlene Creighton the new Assistant Clerk/Treasurer to the Selectboard.

7. Beach Update:

a) Contracts were signed for Erica, the Beach Manager as well as Pam Uhlendorff, the returning assistant for the 2024 season. Erica filled everyone in on how her first few days went and had some questions she wanted clarification on. Currently, we are waiting on an inspection for the hot water tank which possibly needs replacing. The Highway Department will put the docks in Wednesday morning and put a few stakes in where the ATV parking will be.

b) Knotweed update: Discussion was had about the patch of knotweed at the beach and steps that could be taken now that the snow is gone. Melissa will contact Wendy Lane with further questions.

8. Animal Control Officer Update: None

9. Health Officer Update: None

10. Signed Orders (7)

11. Minutes: Reviewed minutes of 4/23/24. Clayton motioned to approve, Ricky seconded, approved.

12. Highway Department Update: Ricky talked about work they have been doing on the class 4 roads recently. The rental sweeper was supposed to arrive this week but was pushed back until next week. Ricky also met with Alec Jones from LCPC to discuss roads/grant on Monday. The Selectboard discussed driveway permits pending final approval and will plan site visits in the near future. The Selectboard signed the Resolution to lift the road postings on all roads in town.

13. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None

14. Grant Update: None

15. Other Business:

a) Clerk's Office Addition Update: The board reviewed the RFP Tim had written in order to solicit bids. Due dates and deadlines were added.

b) Other:

Tim signed a request for a Grand List extension.

Melissa Whitcomb, Approved Minutes

Melissa passed along an inquiry from a resident that had a stale dated check from years ago. With the check being so old, there was not an easy way to determine where the money had landed. Clayton questioned whether it should have been caught in the reconciliation process, which it should have. Melissa cannot find any proof that the check was cashed or any refund was given. For the \$47.17 it was written for, it is not cost effective to spend a significant amount of time trying to figure it out, especially given the likelihood that we will not find the info. Melissa asked to issue a refund check or credit the resident's tax account as requested by that resident. The Selectboard agreed with that, given the minimal dollar amount.

The bill for the tires from Green Up Day came in for a total of \$1365.00 which will be paid from the Good Neighbor Fund. We have not received a bill for the dumpster yet. It is a bit more costly each year due to people disposing of their tires from private residences. There were 198 tires total left at the dumpster. The Town continues to ask each year that residents not dispose of their tires or unwanted items from their properties during the Green Up Day event, which is meant to clean up the roadways and Town Right of Way specifically.

16. FYI: A thank you letter was received from Lamoille FiberNet for the Town's match of \$50000.00 which was given as a match in order to secure funds from other sources.

17. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:57pm, Tim seconded, adjourned.