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SELECTBOARD METING MINUTES 09/10/2024

Present the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White and Victoria Helwig for LCPC.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:02 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Grant Update:

a) Victoria Helwig from the Lamoille County Planning Commission came to talk about the Municipal Energy Resilience Program. The selectboard solicited an energy assessment for the existing Town Clerk's Office and Victoria said there was grant funding to help with some of the energy efficiency updates when the construction of the addition is underway. Upgrades to the handicap ramp and front stairs were also discussed to include in the grant proposal. The deadline for the grant submission is September 20, 2024. The board reviewed the 12 upgrades suggested and decided to apply for 9 of the identified projects. Ricky made the motion to apply for the grant, Tim seconded. Agreed. Melissa will work with Victoria to submit an application per the selectboard.

b) Melissa applied for and received a grant of \$5,000 to be used for improvements related to elections. Melissa suggested purchasing a new laptop to be able to use when voting is at the school. Tim motioned to accept and sign the grant, Ricky seconded, approved.

4. Citizens Input: None.

5. Animal Control Officer Update:

6. Beach Update: One of the campers felt they were not treated in a fair manner and has withheld a portion of their payment in protest. The board again emphasized that everyone should be treated in a fair and consistent manner and the established rules need to be clarified every time campers set up their campsite. Any payment withheld will need to be paid in full before any additional reservations can be honored. The site is still on a boil water notice but the system will be disinfected before the end of the season and then tested again to make sure everything passes before the system shuts down for the season. A date for the camper lottery will be set at the next meeting after the board reviews the expenses for the summer and has a discussion on the season rate for 2025.

7. Health Officer Update: none

8. Signed four (4) Orders

9. Minutes: Review minutes of 8/27/24. Tim made the motion to accept the minutes after the percentages that the town tax rate went down by 1.1% and the school tax rate went up by 24.4% were added to #8. Ricky seconded. Agreed.

10. Highway Department Update

a) Permit Requests: Regarding an underground powerline placement on Warren Road, Ricky made the motion to accept the request, following town specifications. Tim seconded. Agreed.

b) Other: The insurance company reviewed some equipment at the Town garage and suggested some additional safety equipment including a guard for the drill press, new chainsaw chaps and helmet. The estimate for the new equipment is \$860.72 and a grant was available and applied for. The grant will pay for half and the town will pay for half. A company that dug across the road for fibernet did not complete the job according to town specifications. The company will be billed for the use of a truck, an hours' time and a load of crusher run gravel to fix the road. The pavement on Knowles flat has not yet been repaired by Eustis Cable as previously agreed. Melissa will reach out to them once again seeking an update. The Boy Scout Camp Road bridge project as been pushed back with a projected start day of October 15th. There are concerns about the timing and whether the project will be completed before snowfall if started that late. Melissa will contact Tyler Billingsley who is charge of the project and request a November 1st finish. The grader needs some new tires. The body of truck #2, the 2018 Freightliner will be painted before the end of the year. The selectboard will meet on Parsonage Road at 5:30pm on September 24th to review and discuss the request by Kurt Salvas to relocate the turnaround for the town trucks.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None

12. Other Business:

a) Clerk's Office Addition Update. The last of the changes to the plan were finalized so the packet to be able to bid on the project should be available by the end of the week. Construction to begin mid-May to early June 2025.

b) Other: The surveying of a road in town for clarification needs to be completed before the seasons change.

13. FYI:

14. Clayton made the motion to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Tim seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Approved minutes

Leslie White, scribe