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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

10/08/2024

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White, Colleen Brennan, Vinny Brennan and Art Curcillo.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Lake Eden Association Update: Colleen Brennan, Vinny Brennan and Art Curcillo were present to inform the selectboard on the course of action that the Lake Eden Association (LEA) is proposing to continue control of the Eurasian Milfoil in the lake. There was discussion on the specific targeted application of an herbicide to continue to mitigate the problem. The Lake Eden Association is applying for a permit to proceed with the herbicide application. If the state of Vermont does approve the application, there will be a process that will include public comment before any application of herbicide moves forward. The LEA is requesting a letter of support from the selectboard to include with the permit application. Ricky questioned the continued need for the Greeter program as the lake is now infested with this invasive species. Both Art and Colleen spoke of the continued importance of the Greeter program as there are additional invasive species that are possible contaminants. Also emphasized was the fact that the greeter program has been going on for more than 12 years and has provided many years of invasive free prevention even though Lake Eden is close to numerous bodies of water that have been infested for many years. Colleen presented a sample letter of support to include in their permit application. After discussion, Leslie suggested some changes to better reflect the position of the board. Ricky motioned to sign the revised letter of support, Clayton seconded. All agreed and the revised letter was signed and will be forwarded to the LEA. A grant from the Lake Champlain Basin Program for the continued efforts to mitigate EWM needs selectboard support. Ricky motioned to sign the letter of support. Tim seconded and the letter was signed.
4. Citizens Input:
5. Animal Control Officer Update:
6. Beach Update: One of the campers asked to extend the time that the camper could remain at the Lake Eden Recreation Area. The request was denied. All campers must be removed by October 15, 2024.
7. Health Officer Update: A cat bite from the owner of the cat was reported but with no follow-up, the case was closed.
8. Minutes: Review minutes of 7/30/24 & 8/6/24. Clayton motioned to approve the minutes of the 2 meetings as written. Tim seconded. Approved.
9. Signed Orders
10. Highway Department Update:
 - a) Permit Requests. None.
 - b) Other: The Highway department continues work to finish up on East Hill Road. The board asked whether we have heard from Eustis cable regarding Knowles Fla Road and the repair to the pavement that has not yet happened. Melissa was asked to send a registered letter with the board's expectations defined.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
12. Grant Update: The grant projects that were identified to be funded by the remaining G-1 (VAG) funds (\$122,000) are to be collated and submitted for reimbursement.
13. Other Business:
 - a) Clerk's Office Addition Update. More discussion on the amount of insulation to be included in regard to the building code and whether a heat exchange system will be needed are still under discussion.
 - b) Other
14. FYI:
15. Ricky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm. Clayton seconded. Meeting adjourned.