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Meeting be held at Town Office Immediately Following Special Meeting  
SELECTBOARD Meeting

**10/22/2024**

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb and Leslie White

1. Tim opened the meeting at 5:30 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: none
3. Citizens Input: none
4. Animal Control Officer Update: The office received an anonymous letter from a concerned citizen regarding the number of dogs that have been wandering in town. The selectboard suggested adding a page in the Town Report on the rules and regulations regarding dog ownership and the importance of keeping pets confined to the owner's property.
5. Beach Update: Beach is closed. Water has been turned off.
6. Health Officer Update: The office received a call from the state regarding animal cruelty in regard to some chickens. Although the state will not be pursuing the complaint, the health officer, Faye Cochran and the Animal control Officer/Town Constable, Matt Hill, will visit the property due to the complaint involving rats as well.
7. Minutes: Review minutes of 10/8/24 & 10/15/24 Ricky motioned to approve the minutes of both meetings as written. Clayton seconded. Approved.
8. 4 Orders were signed
9. Highway Department Update: The crew is preparing for the winter season, hauling sand, maintenance on equipment and possibly a load of hot mix to patch asphalt where needed. Steve Bishop has offered to work part-time truck driver as needed. Steve has been drug tested and is ready to work. Ricky mentioned some concerns regarding FIDIUM FIBER as in some locations, the installations have not been done according to town specifications and no permits have been obtained to be able to work in the town right-of-way. Some installations have laid the fiber cable right on top of the road and will be destroyed with any plowing this winter. Ricky stressed how important it is to do the installation in the correct manner and do the job just once.
  - a) Unifirst Contract: Ricky made the motion to sign a new contract for uniform service for the term of 3 years. Tim seconded. Approved.
  - b) Other
10. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
11. Grant Update: A grant to pay for half of the cost of safety equipment for the garage has been submitted that will reimburse the town for \$400+. The Boy Scout Camp Road 4-sided box culvert is near completion. The board talked about holding back some payment to secure that the field where the temporary road was installed will need to be put back to its original condition.
12. Other Business:
  - a) Town Office Addition: Updated prints are available at the Town Clerk's Office. Bids need to be submitted by November 12, 2024.
  - b) Other: Ricky made the motion to sign the contract for service on the school generator. Clayton seconded. Approved. The office is comparing the propane distributors in the area to see if we are getting the best price. Switching distributors would mean swapping tanks which might not be possible until spring.
13. FYI:
14. Clayton made the motion to adjourn at 6:20 pm. Ricky seconded. Adjourned.