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SELECTBOARD Minutes

11/12/2024 @ 6:00 pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Chad Poland from Michie Concrete, Lisa Birmingham from Fidium Fiber, Scott Brooks from Consolidated Communications, Melissa Whitcomb and Leslie White.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Michie Concrete: Chad Poland came to discuss the design for the bridge on the north end of Blakeville Road. The bridge needs to be replaced eventually and the selectboard is looking to get plans in place for a replacement structure to be prepared for the future.
4. Lamoille FiberNet: Lisa Birmingham and Scott Brooks from Consolidated Communications came to address the concerns seen in the fiber installation process. Main lines and drops have been run along roads without being buried and vehicles have been driving across the lines. The board is concerned about the quality of the installation looking towards the future and wants to mitigate any problems going forward. Lisa stated that the installation of the distribution lines has been completed and what is left to do is the drops to the individual residences. Dig Safe now only identifies primary lines, not secondary lines so calling Dig Safe might not be an option for individual residences when identifying existing electrical and telephone lines before any excavation.
5. All Hook N' Service (Trash). This company asked if Eden was interested in having a facility to dispose of trash in Eden instead of traveling to Johnson or Hyde Park. The company would need to come to a selectboard meeting to provide more information.
6. Citizens Input: There was an inquiry about the possibility of having a community garden on the property the town owns on the corner of Route 100 and Knowles Flat. The field is currently hayed. Interested parties plan to come to a selectboard meeting.
7. Beach Update: Discussion encompassed the possibility of charging \$1.00 for children from age 3 to 12. Quotes on a replacement lawn tractor, cart and picnic tables were reviewed by the board.
8. Animal Control Update: None
9. Health Officer Update: None
10. Minutes: Review minutes of 10/21/24, 10/22/24 (2), and 11/01/24 Ricky motioned to approve the minutes of 10/21/24 and 10/22/24 as written. Clayton seconded. Approved. Tim motioned to approve the minutes of 11/1/24 with a correction to letter F as the changes in the scope of work for the addition would be separate bids not directly connected to the main bid. Clayton seconded. Approved with corrections.
11. Signed Orders
12. Highway Department Update:
 - a) Harvey's. The question was posed if the town would be interested in crushing 4,000-6,000 yards of gravel to stockpile next spring. The practice would be a cost savings to the town if there is money left in the highway budget. The board will review the possibility later in the fiscal year.
 - b) Gihon Trak Packers Request: Ricky motioned to approve the request for snowmobiles to be able to run along the side of Thompson Road and White Road to the corner of Paranto Road. Clayton seconded, approved.
 - c) Other: Parkin Ban Notice is in the paper notified for November 15. Mail boxes on Knowles Flat and Camp Road need to be reviewed. A resident on North Road is looking to get their driveway permit approved. Ricky will review the situation and call the landowner. The town is still looking for a surveyor to review one road in town.

A land owner that applied for a Right of Way permit in July is looking to dig across the road this month. The board agreed that any line across the road would need to be directional drilled instead of digging in the road bed.

The dry hydrant at the new Boy Scout Road box culvert was not re-installed in the same location as it was before and needs to be re-located back to its original position. The contractor is expected to return in the coming weeks to correct.
13. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
14. Grant Update:

- a) Grant-in Aid projects 2023-2024 Griggs Road, 2024 East Hill discussion
- b) FEMA #4474 2019 Flood summary final payments. Ricky made the motion to sign the paperwork for reimbursement. Clayton seconded. Paperwork was signed.
- c) A grant agreement from LCPC to help with the update of the original town office in the amount of \$21,127.04 was signed by the board.

15. Other Business:

- a) Clerk's Office Addition Bids: The bids were opened and reviewed. Tim will contact the architect to clarify some options to possibly lower the cost of the project. No decision was made.
- b) REPRO Contract for the printing of the Town Report. The options are a 1-year or 3-year contract. In the past we have only done a 1-year contract but a 3-year contract will save the town some money. Ricky motioned to sign the 3-year contract; Clayton seconded. The 3-year contract was signed.
- c) Budget: Copies of current and last year's budget status were provided for review in preparation for budgeting in the next month or so.
- d) Fred's propane contract. The town will be switching distributors and have agreed to a 3-year contract for propane which will save more than \$2.00/gallon
- e) Other

16. FYI:

17. Clayton made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

