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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

December 10, 2024 6pm

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

1. Meeting opened at 6:04pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: There is a new mandate that the town needs to appoint an Ethics Liaison as a point of contact with the Ethics Commission. The board would like some additional information before proceeding.
3. Citizen's Input: none
4. LCPC: Tasha Wallis from the Lamoille Planning Commission came to the meeting to get feedback on the grant assistance they have been providing the town. Leslie and Melissa had some suggestions on ways to facilitate clearer and more timely communications for better results. Tasha also came to the meeting to talk about the Home Act passed 2 years ago and Act 181 (the Act 250 reform bill). These two changes will trigger some new regulations for the Regional Plan and the individual plans that each town is required to update. Eden is in the process of updating their Town plan as we are closing in on the 8- year cycle. The state will be completing a housing need assessment for the whole state and then making target suggestions for each town. This information will need to be included in Eden updated town plan. Tasha emphasized that the Eden's town plan should reflect the vision that the community has for itself. She also assured the selectboard that the regional plan will reflect Eden's perspective.
5. Health Officer Update: none
6. Animal Control Officer Update: Rabies vaccination series for Matt Hill, our town dog officer has said he was advised to get the rabies vaccine as a preventative measure. The board agreed to pay for the vaccine series if that is what Matt's chooses.
7. Beach Update:
 - a) Lawn tractor and picnic tables: The board reviewed a comparison of lawn tractors to replace the one used at the beach. They are looking for additional spec sheets for a more thorough evaluation. The board did agree to purchase 7 additional foldable picnic tables to add to the 3 purchased this past summer. These plastic tables are much lighter and easier to move for the beach management.
 - b) Weekly camping rates to include reservation fee. The board agreed to raise the camping rates by \$5 to cover the reservation fees that are now charged by the software company. The other rates have already been increased by the same amount in prior meetings.
 - c) Fencing. The board would like to have some fencing installed along the lake shore to designate each of the 5 camping sites and clarify that no fires or tents can be within 20' of the water.
8. Minutes: Review minutes of November 26, 2024. Clayton identified a spelling correction. Clayton motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Tim seconded. Approved.
9. 4 Orders were signed
10. Highway Department Update:
 - a.) FY 2026 VT Better Roads Grant. Alec Jones from LCPC has contacted Ricky about submitting the Better Roads grant paperwork that is due at the end of December. Details on the project to be decided. Ricky motioned to a letter of intent to participate in the FY25 Better Roads Category A-Road Erosion Inventory grant. Clayton seconded, approved and signed by Tim.
 - b.) Other: Tim addressed some concerns from a resident in town. A stop sign needs to be installed. The survey of the Camp Road Right of Way is in process.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions:
12. Grant Update:
13. Other Business:
 - a) Grand List Errors and Omissions Certificate. Ricky motioned to sign the certificate. Clayton seconded. These corrections pertain to properties owned by Great Woods and Vermont Electric TRANSCO.
 - b) Town Report: Bullard Award has been decided with a recommendation in the suggestion box. Dedication has been decided also with a community recommendation. The board discussed some reflections on the year for the Selectboard Report.
 - c) Discussed Town Clerk's Office Weatherization Grant
 - d) Trash disposal site in Eden information. A resident inquired about the possibility of offering a trash service similar to what used to be available at the town garage on Sundays. Anyone hauling trash within the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District will need a license from the state and a permit from the LRSWMD.
14. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:08pm. Ricky seconded. Meeting adjourned.