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Selectboard Meeting Minutes  
Aug 22, 2024  
Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard Participants in Person: Toni Pippy, Jeff Solsaa, Kelly Harman

Selectboard Participants via Zoom: Andrew Dunklee

Participants in Person: Phoebe Mix, Art Hatchett, Mary Linehan, John Frietag, Micki Colbeck, Sue Clark, Pic Conner, Lucy Hemenway, Janet Hardy, Shirley St. Peter, Kim Cook

Participants via Zoom: Rod Maclay, Judie Englander, Brett Tofel, Shelby Coburn, (KC's Ipad)

Meeting called to order at 6pm

1. Public Concerns:
  - a. Dog attacks: Numerous dog-on-dog attacks by the same dog were described at length by seven of the attendees. There are believed to be five separate incidents dating back to 2017 and all in or around the environs of the green in the upper village. People are fearful for their dogs and their own safety. Request was made to the Selectboard to ask to have the dog muzzled, to purchase better leashes/ harness to better control the dog, and to avoid walking in the green.
  - b. Frietag expressed concern about the progress on the Town Office proposed renovations and risk of losing grant money. It was explained that the Board had reached out to the appropriate entity and were assured the delay was fine. Further, that at least 60 days' notice would be given for any deadline that arose.
  - c. Discussion around failing to receive the EV grant for the chargers in the park n ride (the town sits above the income threshold to receive this money). Brett Tofel offered to assist in future grant applications.
2. Selectboard Vacancy:
  - a. A vacancy was created by Hannah Levinger's resignation. 3 people submitted letters of interest. One later removed his name from consideration.
  - b. Solsaa motions to elect Mary Linehan to the Board. Dunklee seconds the motion. All approved.
3. Energy Coordinator Report FY24 Q4, Henry Falconer:
  - a. Strafford in first come first serve for any future grants. A long list of towns waiting.
  - b. Henry to investigate whether Town Garage is eligible for heat pumps.
  - c. Also, will investigate how the town is measuring up against its goals.
4. Town Office:
  - a. No updates to report
5. Winter Parking Ban Ordinance:
  - a. No updates to report
6. Highway:
  - a. Kibling Hill Culvert emergency repair.

- i. No emergency structures grant available but may receive a “structures” grant. Waiting on receipt of the application. The estimated cost to repair is \$45K.
  - b. Repeater Agreement: Negotiations are complete. Solsaa motions to approve the agreement. Pippy seconds the motion and all approve. Proceed to installation.
  - c. BR 1164 grant agreement- addresses approximately \$20K road work on Brook Rd. Pippy motions to approve, Solsaa seconds the motion. All approve.
  - d. DR4720 project agreement addresses approximately \$49K of road work for Pennock, Stage, Carpenter Hill, and others. Solsaa motions to approve, Pippy seconds, all approve.
7. Approval of 8/8/24 Meeting minutes:
  - a. Minutes approved with the addition of the Board approval of the Personnel Policy.
8. Budget:
  - a. Approval of extension of FEMA loan (July 23 flooding) in order to provide time for tax revenues to come in for the balance of the year. Pippy motions to approve the extension, Harman seconds, all approve.
  - b. Consider Brook Rd paving for next year’s big budget project.
9. Misc:
  - a. Dunklee to work on job description for Grant coordinator/ Selectboard assistant. (actual title TBD)
10. Motion to adjourn at 8:07 by Solsaa, Pippy seconds, all approve.