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### Selectboard Meeting Minutes

May 23, 2024

Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard participants in person: Toni Pippy, Jeff Solsaa, Hannah Levinger

Selectboard participants via Zoom: Andrew Duncklee, Kelly Harman

Participants in person: Josh Dickey, Curt Albee, Rocky Fuller, Tim Denny

Participants via Zoom: Rodrick Maclay, John Freitag, Stephen Willbanks, Betty-jo Duncklee, Ed Huang

Meeting called to order 6pm

Meeting Timeline

Public concerns: None

Highway Department Updates:

Roads and equipment: Work on the town's new truck is finished and should be delivered Tuesday May 28, 2024.

Freeman Bridge update: Strafford has a new FEMA representative that is working with us to finalize damage assessments and is looking for documentation of past events.

Old City Falls urgent slope repair: A wash out on Old City Falls is causing a portion of the road to become unusable and needs repair. Northwoods Excavation submitted a quote of \$21,800 to rebuild the washout. Jeff Solsaa moved to accept the assessment and move forward with Northwoods Excavation to rebuild the washout on Old City Falls Rd. Hannah Levinger seconded the motion. All approved and the town will have Northwoods Excavation repair the washed-out section of Old City Falls.

Open bids – Brook Road ditching project: The Selectboard received three quotes from three different businesses to complete replacement of culverts and ditching.

Blue Mountain Trucking: \$355,000

Northwoods Excavation: \$121,400

K&S Construction: \$101,300

Jeff Solsaa has the most experience on the Selectboard with this work and will be reviewing the three proposals and making a recommendation at the next regularly scheduled Selectboard meeting.

Repeater update: the agreement is still being worked on and more technical details about the repeater are needed.

Approve the minutes of the 5/9/2024: Toni Pippy moves to approve the minutes with the addition of clarifying statements around the Capital Budget draft is a “draft document” and contains inter-departmental notes not yet reviewed. Hannah Levinger seconded the motion. All approved, the motion passed, and the adjusted minutes were approved.

Personnel policy update: the draft of the policy is at the attorneys being worked on.

Addressing the communication from Jevon and Genevieve Amarante: during bridge and bypass work, Daniels ended up removing too many trees due to an error on their part. Jeff Solsaa reached out to Daniels, and they have agreed to replace the missing trees and have given a tentative timeline of the week of 5/27 for tree replacement.

Josh Dickey from Nordic Waste updated the Selectboard the Nordic Waste will be showing up starting 6/8/2024 to pick up waste during recycling hours. Curbside pickup will be discussed later in the year. Nordic Waste is planning to put a notice out on the Strafford Listserv with details and schedules.

Other items: Tom Otterman will be up at the Stanley property to look around next week.

Solar Field Outlook: There will be fence posts moved to accommodate snow removal and deposit for future winters.

Town Office Committee update: no new information or additions at this point. The informational meeting will be at the Town House, even though there is work currently being done on the steeple.

Town House Advisory Group (THAG): Rocky Fuller updated the Selectboard in the activities of the THAG over the past few months. Including status on finding someone to fix the Townhouse clock, the financial status of the THAG and other activities.

Listers update: Tom Cain's new contract was presented to the Selectboard. Jeff Solsaa moved to accept the new contract. Kelly Harman seconded the motion. All approved and the contract was accepted.

Recreation Committee update: Ed Huang updated the Selectboard on the signage project. The original sign agreed and voted upon is no longer available or accepted by VTRANS. The signage needed for the signage project will now be 6 sets of 2 signs, mounting equipment and poles to mount them on. The total cost for the project is now \$1294.18. Toni Pippy moves to support the Rec Board's recommendation for bike signage with \$794.18 coming from their reserve fund and a donation from the Ranger Bike Foundation. Hannah Levinger seconded the motion. All approved and the motion passed.

Liaison updates: The Conservation Commission inquired about a minor becoming a voting member of the commission. The Selectboard communicated that if someone is too young to vote, they cannot be a voting member of the commission. The Selectboard is open to other ways to encourage people to participate even if they are too young to vote.

Acknowledgment of Correspondence:

- a) Rocky Fuller, Town Office Committee. Minutes of 5/15/24
- b) Rocky Fuller, THAG 5/16/24 minutes
- c) John Freitag, RE: Public Records Request
- d) Patti Lancaster for the Declaration of Inclusion Initiative -- Survey
- e) Jevon and Genevieve Amarante, RE:479 justin morrill Construction agreement
- f) Joshua Dickey, General Manager Nordic Waste Services LLC, RE: Trash Drop

Hannah Levinger moves to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Solsaa seconded the motion. All approve and the meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Recording Clerk Andrew Duncklee