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Selectboard Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2024
Town Office , 227 Justin Morrill Hwy, Strafford, 05072

Selectboard Participants in person: toni Pippy, Jeff Solsaa, Hannah Levinger, Andrew Dunklee, Kelly Harman

Participants in person: Tim Denny, Tom Jacobs

Participants via Zoom: John Freitag

Meeting called to order 6pm

1. Public Concerns: None
2. Highway Department Updates:
 - a) Culvert and ditch work performed in preparation of Hurrican Beryl
 - b) Poison parsnip adjacent to Town Office will be mowed (in answer to Micki Colbecks correspondence
 - c) Freeman Bridge Road – still discussing with FEMA
 - d) Van Dyke road work estimated to cost \$350K for pre cast concrete box culvert
 - e) Ward Road road work estimated to be \$95K. Work to include a new bridge deck, guard rails, etc. A new bridge here would be estimated to cost \$500K and not a consideration.
 - f) Repeater lease agreement with attorney for changes.
3. Jeff Solsaa moves to approve the June 27 meeting minutes. Toni Pippy seconded the motion.
4. Grants Deadlines and Deliverables:
 - a) Van Dyke and Ward cost estimates to Stephanie– does Stephanie have the breakdown from Northwoods>
 - b) \$231K for Miller Pond Road –Kelly to get with Stephanie to clarify ask
 - c) Better roads grant– check with Lisa to see if Northwoods contractor has a signed contract
 - d) Andrew Dunklee makes the motion to approve letter Stephanie will send to the CDS regarding the delay in additional information for the funding for the Town Office. Toni Pippy seconds the motion.
 - e) Assist to Town Clerk and Grants Manager– Need help from Sptehpanie with the job description before it can be posted. It was generally agreed that this could be a part time position.
4. 2024 Reappraisal Order:
 - Tim denny and Tom jacobs present the letter from the state that stipulates Strafford must comply with a “complete reappraisal.”
 - Tim will handle the reply to the state due in 150 days with a detailed compliance plan.
 - There is a list of approved appraisers but it may take a number of years before we can get one of them to perform the work for the town.
 - Cost will likely be close to \$100K

5. Joint Selectboard committee on law enforcement:
 - John Freitag presented an update on the relational situation between the towns and Orange county Sheriff's office.
 - The contract ends at the end of the year and Orange Co Sheriff will no longer participate.
 - Strafford to engage Windsor County as a possible solution to law enforcement in the Villages. Speeding in particular needs to be addressed and enforced.
6. Town Office Updates:
 - Energy audit to be conducted in the basement. Will know by next meeting if it can be performed by outside contractors.
 - Civil engineer to be incited back to walk through structural issues with the building once the energy audit report is received.
7. Follow up to "jake " brake concerns:
 - In a 2 hour time frame, no jake brake noise was heard but there was significant speeding. Will try to monitor again.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 as motioned by Toni Pippy and seconded by Jeff Solsaa.