Selectboard Meeting Minutes Nov 21, 2024 Town Office, 227 Justin Morrill Highway, Strafford Vermont 05072

Selectboard Participants in Person: Toni Pippy, Andrew Duncklee, <u>Mary Linehan</u>, Kelly Harman Town Clerk: Lisa Bragg Participants in Person: John Frietag Participants via Zoom: Judie Englander, Betty Jo Duncklee, Steve Willbanks, Dexter Lefavour

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

- 1. Public Concerns: None
- 2. Highway Updates: No updates
- 3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of the 11/14/21:a. Pippy motions to approve, Linehan seconds, all approve with one minor edit
- 4. Right Of Way: No update
- 5. Law Enforcement:
 - a. Orange County contract expires at the end of the year. More information is needed before a decision can be made prior to the end of the year.
- 6. Budget:
 - a. Discussion around percentage increase in contribution for health and vision for town employees.
 - b. Pippy motions to approve a 2.5% increase to the defined contribution amount for health and vision. Duncklee seconds and all approve.
 - c. Auditor: Board will have the budget ready by the middle of January (18th) in order to have the town vote by the end of January.
- 7. Liaison Updates:
 - a. Information still being gathered from the committee for the Capital budget plan.
- 8. Dexter Lefavour, New England Consulting Group:
 - a. NECG is the selected project management firm to run the Freeman Bridge repair. The Group has publicly posted the notice for bids for the construction of the project. A pre-bid walk is set for 11am on December 5th at the site and bids are due by 3pm on December 19th. The bids will be publicly opened at the Town House at that time.
- 9. Other: Next two Selectboard meetings will be held on December 12th and 19th due to the holidays.

Motion is made to adjourn the meeting at 7:10pm and the meeting is adjourned.