

Town of Eden
71 Old Schoolhouse Rd
Eden Mills, VT 05653

Minutes of Regular Selectboard Meeting
September 25, 2013

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on September 25, 2013. Present at the meeting were: Ricky Morin, Leslie White, Donna Whitcomb, Bob Spaulding, Howard Manosh, Gary Lipson, Kelsey O'Neil, John Schmeltzer, Candy Vear, and Patty Coon.

1. Ricky opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.
2. Corrections to the minutes of September 11, 2013 are as follows: (a) on page 1, first bullet under Beach: change the fourth sentence to; "The Selectboard read the letter from Laurie and heard statements from Laurie and from several witnesses; ..." (b) under the second bullet, second sentence, clarify that "as Bob was upset during the discussion of the 9/1/2013 incident, resigned immediately, and left the meeting before this topic was discussed."; (c) on page 2, last sentence under Animal Control Officer, change the wording to read, "continue as Dog Officer"; (d) under #9, Selectboard Report, Solar Project Update: change to read: "expended to implement the potential solar panel project..." and change to "as it is not financially viable"; (e) on page 3, Warren Road, change "cleaning up brush" to "the clean-up, ditching, seeding, and mulching, on Warren Road"; (f) on page 3, change #13 to read, "The Selectboard Assistant is looking to improve communications with the Office staff." Ricky made the motion to approve the minutes with all the corrections, and to approve the minutes of September 14, 2013, as written. Approved.
3. There was no citizen input.
4. Beach
 - The Selectboard received a letter from the Beach Manager regarding guests who visited the Chaffees and who did not pay the day fee of \$4.00. The Selectboard decided to address this issue with the Chaffees when the Selectboard holds the Beach Lottery
 - The Laportes sent an email regarding their 2014 reservations. They wanted to confirm their reservations, knowing that Bob and Jeanne had resigned as Beach Managers. The Selectboard suggested writing a confirmation letter to all campers with 2014 reservations, toward the end of this year or before starting next season. Bob indicated there are several advance reservations, all on the calendar, for folks who come back every year.
 - The September 1, 2013, incident: There was a letter in the files from an incident in 2011, and the Selectboard reviewed the draft revisions if it wanted to send a similar letter to those involved in the 2013 incident. This discussion was tabled until a quorum of the Selectboard is present. The Selectboard

suggested this discussion could also wait until all the campers could hear the same message during the Beach Lottery.

- The Selectboard discussed the Beach Manager's responsibilities for taking reservations through the winter, and how it will be handled now that Bob and Jeanne have resigned. Calls can be forwarded to the Town Office, a list can be made, and reservations confirmed. The position of Beach Manager can be advertised. A couple of phone inquiries have been received already. The Beach Lottery is usually scheduled on a Saturday morning around the second week of October. The Lottery procedures were reviewed.

5. Gary Lipson, US EPA (Environment Protection Agency)

- Gary introduced Kelsey O'Neil, EPA Community Involvement, who works with the press/interviews. In July, John Schmeltzer of the State's DEC office (Dept of Environmental Conservation) contacted the EPA regarding the storage building at the Vermont Asbestos (VAG) mine site. The building contains a stockpile of roughly 18,000 cubic yards of dry, "fluffy" asbestos ore that was ready for sifting and bagging and sale. The building has begun deteriorating, with one side bowing out and the outer skin of the roof peeling off. It is the EPA's opinion that the building will fail at some point. Instead of using a band-aid approach, patching and repairing the building, their recommended solution is to remove all the dry ore above grade and to bury it safely in a constructed cell a short distance away from the building. The building has a very deep foundation, with approx. 2/3 of the ore being below grade already. Once the above-grade ore is removed, the building can be collapsed and covered over. There are roughly 5,000 cubic yards that will be need to be removed. The EPA expects to be out by mid-November. The EPA contractor, Environmental Restoration out of St. Louis, and the hand-picked crew all have experience with structures demotion and asbestos materials. G1 Holdings will be paying for the air monitoring to control the asbestos dust during removal. Hillview Rental of Boston will provide the equipment.
- The EPA has been working closely with the State Historic Preservation Office so that the demolition of the building and the burial cell will not affect any other buildings or the landscape. All actions will be photographed and documented. The report will be available to the Town or the Eden Historical Society.
- The Selectboard questioned John Schmeltzer on the State's role at the mine site. He explained the erosion factors and the limited financial resources available from Howard Manosh and the State.
- The Selectboard and Howard both questioned the use of non-local equipment rental, the length of time to move such a small amount of material, the costs of demolition versus putting on a new roof using local roofers, which would save the taxpayers a lot of money, and the overall cost of the project.
- Gary and John expect to meet with the Lowell Selectboard on October 1st at 5:30 pm.

6. Animal Control Officer

- The Animal Control Officer was not present to provide an update.

7. Health Officer
 - The Health Officer was not present to provide an update.
8. Cemetery Commission Vacancy/Appointment
 - The Selectboard reviewed the Cemetery Rules that provide for the appointment of someone to fill a vacancy by the Commission and not the Selectboard.
9. Gihon Trak Packers Landowner Permission Form
 - Leslie made a motion to allow the Gihon Trak Packers to cross the Town field. Approved and signed.
10. Selectboard Report
 - Health Insurance Update: The Selectboard will have to wait until Harold is present to decide this issue. Leslie reported that during the meeting with Harold on Sept 14, they discussed the insurance figures and are leaning toward the Platinum Plan, but no motion and no vote were made at that time to specifically choose a plan. If Harold is present at the next Selectboard meeting on October 9th, a vote can be taken at that time, prior to the visit by the Navigator. The Navigator is coming on Oct 21 to set up the Town and the employees, not to discuss options or additional information. Additional information needs to be reviewed on the part-time/full-time issue.
 - Navigator Presentation: October 21, 2013, 9:00 am for the Town; 10:00 am for the employees.
11. Road Commissioner's Report
 - Generator Grant Amendment One signed: This extends the generator grant until December 31, 2013. The installation appears to be set for October 17th and 18th. A follow-up email to Marilyn Frederick will be sent to confirm those dates as there has been no reply to the previous letter.
 - North Road Paving Grant signed: The grant approval paperwork has been received. It's too late to schedule paving right now, so the Selectboard will put it out to bid this winter and get everything lined up for next summer.
 - Whitney Lane Update: The Town received a revised quote from Michie Corp for a pre-cast structure. If the State approves a pre-cast structure, the Town could hire a contractor to install the structure.
 - FEMA Memorial Day Storm 2013: The Selectboard Chair signed the Certificate of Completion Form for the State's portion of the reimbursement for damage done in May. The payment has been received from FEMA for the Federal portion.
 - Beach: The work has begun on the stream at the beach. The neighbors who border the outlet of the brook will be notified. Leslie has marked the lines under the playground swings where the engineered bark will be placed.
12. Permits
 - Access Permit Approvals
 - i. Peter Dodge, James Albright – the permits were signed, and letters will be sent notifying the landowners of the approvals.

- ii. Stearns letter – Ricky reviewed the draft letter and made suggested corrections. The letter will be finalized and mailed.

13. FYI - none

14. Any Other Business

- The inserts are ready to go into the tax bills. There was a question on who would receive the beach pass which is part of the insert, Eden residents only or all taxpayers owning property in Eden. The consensus was that the insert containing the beach pass would be mailed to all taxpayers with their property tax bill.
- The Selectboard requested getting comparable fuel prices from several companies.

15. Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.

16. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Unapproved minutes.

Patricia J. Coon
Selectboard Assistant