

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

April 13, 2021 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on April 13, 2021. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Virginia Parker, Candy Vear, Donna Whitcomb, Freeda Powers. Joining by phone: Emily Rosenbaum and Jeff Hunsberger on behalf of Lamoille Area Health and Human Services. Joining in person: Patty & Craig Fryk (2019 LERA Managers).

1. Ricky opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
2. LERA Spring Lottery: The Board welcomed Patty and Craig Fryk to the meeting. The Fryks were the LERA Managers in 2019 and are planning to be in VT for some time this summer. The Fryks are willing to consider the open position for LERA Managers for the 2021 season with a request for additional help in the Office one day a week and every other weekend. They suggest the Board consider offering an additional site for the Managers' Helper to stay at. They indicated that the days are long, since they kept the Office open for the entirety of the day, from opening till closing, 10am-9pm. They requested flexibility to stop collecting fees and close the Office earlier, perhaps at 5:00 or 6:00pm. The Board did not object to this. The key is that they be present and available, and that can be accomplished by being at or nearby their camper site, located right across from the Office. The Fryks asked the Board for clear rules for LERA and for the Board to consider investing in a mower with a small front end loader on it to make moving mulch and or sand easier. The Board thanked the Fryks for their time and consideration. The Fryks departed the meeting. After some discussion, the Board agreed to offer an additional \$1,000 to the existing \$1,000 to pay for a Managers' Helper, to accommodate the Fryks' request for additional Office help every other week. Candy will follow up with the Fryks to relay the Boards' offer and get their response. The Board continued on with the Spring LERA Lottery; one envelope with application and deposit was received and opened. The applicants requested Site #3, which is available. The Board had no objection. Candy will notify the applicants that they have Site #3 for 2021.
3. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
4. Citizens Input: None at this time.

5. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.
6. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 3/23. Virginia made a motion to approve as written, the minutes of the 3/23/21 meeting. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.
7. COVID-19 Update: The Board reviewed the VT Reopening Guidelines, a phased plan to reopening all sectors. The goal is to have business operations, gatherings and events resume with no capacity restrictions and mask and physical distancing encouraged, but not mandated, by July 4<sup>th</sup>.
8. Lamoille Area Health & Human Services: Emily Rosenbaum & Jeff Hunsberger joined the meeting via phone to give an overview of the work done in collaboration among 30 area health and human services organizations throughout the last year. It was noted that many Eden residents do not have access to resources or information offered online and are more likely to learn about these services and opportunities in the local newspaper. Additional efforts to get assistance to individuals without access to online resources will be part of our ongoing outreach. Options include a phone-tree or other neighbor-to-neighbor connections. Jeff Hunsberger, also an Eden resident, said they are currently working on a plan to get frozen meals available for local distribution, as just one example of the work they are doing now. More details on this food distribution in Eden will be provided in the near future.
9. Beach Update:
  - a.) John Campagna of Plumbing Solutions, Inc. will be doing the LERA water system start-up and associated test the week of May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - b.) The Board will offer \$1,000 in additional helper funds to the Fryks if they are interested in the LERA Managers position for the 2021 season.
  - c.) Currently, Joslyn Cutler will be returning to lifeguard at LERA this year. The Board agreed to have Freeda post flyers locally seeking additional lifeguards.
  - d.) The Board reviewed an example of signage created by Healthy Lamoille Valley for another town-owned beach, located in Greensboro, VT. These signs encourage healthy, substance-free recreation in public places. Healthy Lamoille Valley is offering to create similar signage for LERA at no cost to the Town. The Board gratefully accepted the offer, and asked that Freeda coordinate with HLV to create the signs for LERA. The signs should be available to put up this season.
10. Road Commissioner's Report:
  - a.) Excess Weight Permits: Virginia made the motion to approve to town specifications excess weight permits for: Fred Vance Trucking, LLC, Pike Industries, Wind River Environmental, LLC, Scott Brown Trucking, Ernest Krusch, Fred's Energy and G.W. Tatro Construction Inc. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.
  - b.) Access Permit; Tetreault: The Board revisited this access permit from their last meeting. Since then, Ricky and Clayton had both made site visits. Ricky said, as the road commissioner, his comments to the applicant will be to cut trees in order to improve visibility but he has no other concerns. Virginia made a motion to approve the access

permit for the Tetreaults on Knowles Flat Road, to permit specifications and with additional comments from the Road Commissioner to address visibility. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

c.) 2021 Equipment Rates: The Board reviewed the 2021 equipment and materials rates from local suppliers. Noting that R.L. Morin & Sons rates are included in the rates being reviewed and accepted, it was acknowledged by the Select Board that a conflict of interest may be perceived. Virginia pointed out that while the Selectboard works hard to separate duties and avoid any conflict of interest, we are a small town and some people must take on multiple positions. Virginia made a motion to approve the 2021 equipment and materials rates for the Town of Eden. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0. Ricky abstained from this vote.

d.) Other activity of Hwy Dept.: Ricky said the sweeper is currently down; they may need to rent one in the next week or two to get the winter sand cleaned up off the roads. They recently had two hoses replaced on the 14 year old grader. They have used 24 loads of gravel so far on town roads. Ricky recommends pulling some roads from the posted list in the next week or so, noting that Eden has had a mild thaw this year and the roads are in pretty good condition for springtime. East Hill, Crooks Road and Warren Road are all on the schedule to be touched up. We have received the "OK" from Chris Brunelle, VT Agency of Natural Resources, on plans for bridge replacement on Blakeville Road. This will be one of the large projects planned under FEMA funding. The next steps in this project will be permitting and engineering. The project will then go out to bid.

Ricky asked for clarification around employee benefits for part time vs. full time road crew. He said he just wants to know what the job offer includes so he knows what to tell people when he gets inquiries. It was discussed that anyone working 40+ hours per week would qualify as full time, and would therefore qualify for benefits.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 3/23:

#11a viii) S.D. Ireland

ix) Harrison Concrete Construction, Inc.

x) Harrison Redi-Mix Corp.

#11d) Access Permit; Tetreault

Virginia made a motion to approve the additions and deletions from 3/23/21, as listed above (#11a-d). Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

12. The Board reviewed the 2021 quote for Town Office lawn care. Robert & Sons Lawn Care propose to do the work with no rate increase, at \$600 for the year. This has been the same rate by the same company for many years. The staff have been pleased with the service thus far. Ricky made a motion to accept the quote of \$600 for the 2021 lawn care of the Town Office property by Robert & Sons Lawn Care. Virginia seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

13. FY22 Budget Review: As part of the ongoing future planning for the continued functioning of the town government, this discussion has the Board considering allowing for additional funds for training in the Town Office. The Board requested that this

discussion be continued at a special, warned meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup>, with input from the Town Clerk & Treasurer and Assistant Clerk & Treasurer on the time needed for training and onboarding.

14. Other Business:

a.) The Board set a date for a site visit to Lakeshore Rd. with Peter Danforth, Lamoille County Conservation District Director. The purpose of this site visit is to continue the ongoing work towards the Lake Eden Watershed Action Plan. The Board agreed to a site visit on 5/5/21 at 6pm. Freeda will coordinate with Peter for this.

b.) Marvin Awards are now open for nominees. The Marvin Awards, offered annually through the Lamoille County Planning Commission, recognizes local excellence in community service and project designs which contribute to a community. The Board did not have any nominees to offer at this time. Nominations are due April 30th.

c.) The Board received Barbara Dewyea's letter of resignation from the Eden Cemetery Commission. Ricky made a motion to accept the resignation of Barbara Dewyea from the Eden Cemetery Commission. Virginia seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

15. The Board received notice of an ACT 250 Land Use Permit Amendment for property owned by the Bullard Lumber Company, Inc., located on Heath Road in Eden. The permit authorizes a change for forest management plans in a specified area from improvement/salvage to clearcutting in order to address long term forest health concerns.

16. Adjourn: Virginia made a motion to adjourn. Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:23pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 4/27/2021 by: Ricky Morin, Virginia Parker.  
Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant