

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

July 13, 2021 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on July 13, 2021. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage, Candace Vear, Freeda Powers, Donna Whitcomb. Also present: Gabe Bolin (Stone Environmental), Craig Rounds (LERA Manager), Rob Moore (LCPC).

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:01pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Stone Environmental: Gabe Bolin came before the Board to discuss FEMA related Blakeville Road Bridge #13 and Paronto Road projects. Stone Environmental was awarded both project bids. Discussion between Gabe and the Board clarified the desired structures at each project site: Blakeville Road BR13 should be a precast deck bridge while Paronto Road will be a four sided box culvert with a buried natural bottom. He said they will begin the projects with topography and base maps. Borings will be taken mid-August; bedrock will be the biggest potential concern at the Paronto Road site. FEMA awaits further details from us for estimated project costs; Gabe will provide cost estimates for Paronto Road in a month or so and for Blakeville Rd BR13 this fall. He indicated they typically work with TR Fellows or DeWolfe for structural engineers. Gabe asked what year Blakeville Rd BR13 was built. Freeda will get that info to him, as it was not noted on the hydro study.

Gabe asked what level of oversight the Board is looking for on these projects as they are estimating three or four half-days at each project. The Board felt that it would be prudent to have more oversight than that at the Blakeville Rd BR13 site. Gabe acknowledged their input and will submit draft contracts in the coming weeks for the Board's review and signature.
4. Citizens Input: The Board reviewed a dog complaint from the area of North Road, submitted via email. The Board requested that the complaint be forwarded to the Dog Officer, Katie Belval. Candace confirmed that the email has been forwarded to Katie's attention.
5. Annual Salary Review of Wages (ct'd): Clayton made a motion to go into executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board entered executive session at 7:07pm. The Board exited executive session at 7:46pm. The Board voiced no objection to Candace's proposal to hire part time office help and her employing services from NEMRC to help get the office ready for the upcoming outside audit. The Board studied and adjusted proposed wages for FY21-22 for each paid position in Eden. Jubal

made a motion to approve pay rates as amended for FY21-22. Clayton seconded the motion. Ricky abstained from this vote. The Board voted 2-0.

6. Sign orders: Six (6) orders were reviewed and signed.

7. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 6/22. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of 6/22/21 as written. Ricky seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

8. Bid Selection Roadside Mowing: The Board opened the single bid received. The bid was from William Allen out of Hyde Park. His proposal was for \$80/hr. which includes equipment and operator with an additional total moving fee of \$300. The Board had no objection to the rates proposed and have been satisfied with Mr. Allen's work in the past. Clayton made a motion to award the 2021 Eden Mowing bid to William Allen at a rate of \$80/hr. with a total moving fee of \$300. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will notify Mr. Allen of the award and obtain his proof of liability insurance.

9. Bid Selection Cement work on culvert replacement Albany Road: No bids were received by the deadline of July 13th. We will do direct outreach to firms to solicit proposals for this work pouring cement footings and wing walls at a culvert replacement project on Albany Road.

10. Beach Update:

a.) Lifeguard Update: Johnna, one of the Managers' Assistants, is working towards open water certification. So far, she has completed the written portion and still needs to complete the practical portion to be fully certified. The Board agreed she should not be lifeguarding until she is properly and fully certified for open water lifeguarding and asked Candace to get input from VLCT on lifeguard certification requirements in VT.

b.) Managers Report: Craig indicates things continue to go well and LERA is very busy this season. There are school groups coming in Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. He and his assistants have been keeping up with maintenance, recently replacing some of the non-functioning paper towel dispensers. A large annual party held at LERA by an Eden resident took place last weekend and went very well and without incident. There was one unexpected occurrence in which a child landed wrong coming off the slide; a parent was present and no medical care was required.

One thing Craig did want input on is boat trailers coming in to LERA and where they should be asked to park. Ricky permitted him to direct them to park at the Town Garage on Rte. 100, on weekends only. They should understand the Town is not liable for their property. They should not block the garage doors or the dry hydrant and should be advised not to park behind the Town Garage due to big equipment moving through there.

11. Road Commissioner's Report:

a.) Access Permit on Knowles Flat Rd. (ct'd): The Board received and reviewed a draft and notice of ACT250 Permit 5L1568-2, which is the subdivision of Lot 5 of the Harvey land off Knowles Flat Road. The pending driveway permit application from Paige Cheney, future parcel owner, cannot be legally signed by the Selectboard until the final approval of the pending ACT250 permit. Per the notice, this permit is looking at July 21st for an

approval date from the State. The Selectboard declined to sign the driveway permit application pending final approval of the ACT250 Permit 5L1568-2.

b.) Overhead Sap Lines Permit on Tree Farm Rd (ct'd): The Applicant has continued discussions with Ricky regarding how to proceed with the existing overhead sap lines on Tree Farm Road. At this time, the Applicant proposes to relocate the existing overhead lines in one location and bury the lines in two separate locations on that road. The Applicant understands the requirement to maintain 4' of cover and to utilize sleeves when burying lines. The relocation of existing overhead lines will require submission of a new overhead sap lines application, per Ricky.

c.) Access Permit on North Road: The Board reviewed a driveway access permit for property located on North Road. The Board had no objection to the application as presented. Ricky noted the applicant will be required to trim brush for improved visibility but said the site distance is good. Jubal made a motion to approve the access permit for Ben Porter on North Road to Town specs and to the profile in the permit, with comments from the Road Commissioner that he shall trim the existing vegetation for improved visibility. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

d.) Other activity of Hwy Dept.: Ricky said they are turning their attention to Square Road for stone-lined ditching under the Better Back Roads grant award. He will be getting quotes for sandblasting and painting Truck #4.

12. Grants:

a.) FEMA: We continue to work on securing required State permits for much of the work that remains. This process is tedious and slow, but we must be sure to remain steadfast to the requirements of working with FEMA funding. Freeda highlighted the good news that we have been granted our first request for a draw-down on completed work under one of the large projects already obligated (paid out) to the State. This payment should be received by the Town in the next few days and totals \$22,534.63.

b.) Structures FY22 Awarded: The Board reviewed and signed the grant award of \$50,967 to stabilize and shore up the footings and additional work on Blakeville Road Bridge #15. Ricky agreed to assist Freeda in drafting an RFP to send the project out to bid.

c.) Letter of Support: The Board authorized Freeda to submit a letter of support on behalf of the Town of Eden to the Lamoille County Conservation District where Peter Danforth is working to help the Mt Norris Boy Scout Reservation establish Best Management Practices to mitigate sediment and nutrient loading into Lake Eden.

d.) Climate/Energy Grant opportunity: Freeda presented the Board with a small grant opportunity that is available from the VT Council on Rural Development to support innovative local solutions that move Vermont closer to our climate and energy goals. No project ideas were developed at this time.

13. LRSWMD: The Board discussed the status of the Lamoille Regional Solid Waste Management District and the Eden transfer site. When asked for a status once the State lifted all COVID-19 restrictions and ended the State of Emergency in early July, the District indicated in an email that there are no funds allocated for the Eden site in the FY22 budget, begun July 1. Ricky reports that shortly after Town Meeting, June 15th, the District came and removed the existing containers without notice. All indications are that the Eden site will not be reopening under the District's supervision. If the Town wants the Eden transfer site to reopen, we will need to consider options of running it ourselves. For now, those

options include hiring a single entity (i.e., Casellas) to manage the site entirely, to include providing workers and doing the hauling. The second option is for the Town to provide/hire workers and hire a local entity (i.e., Sweet, Hillside) to haul. The Board authorized Freeda to solicit quotes from local haulers to see if there is interest.

14. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 6/22: None.

15. Other Business:

a.) ACT 250 Permit 5L1209-6: Bullard Lumber Co. This permit authorizes a prescribed, extended, irregular shelter-wood harvest from a parcel on Heath Road in Eden.

b.) FEMA proposed Special Flood Hazard Areas data; the comment period is open till August 13th. These engineering data models will form the basis for the proposed Special Flood Hazard Areas to be presented on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps in our area. The data models provided look at the following waterways: Lamoille River, Gihon River, Boardman Brook, Brewster River and their path through the following towns/villages: Hardwick, Wolcott, Morristown, Hyde Park, Johnson, Cambridge, Jeffersonville.

16. FYI: Lane Enterprise has provided an updated culverts price list.

17. Adjourn: Jubal made a motion to adjourn. Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Minutes approved as written on 7/27/21 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant