

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

October 12, 2021 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met on October 12, 2021. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage, Candace Vear, Beth Spaulding, Freeda Powers. Seasonal campers present for the LERA Fall Lottery: Lyndy Hayden, Bruce Miller, Shawna & Eric Hanley, Eva & Tony Marchessault, Dana & Kathy McKnight, David & Lisa Vilord, Randy & Debbie Machia, Roland & Carmen Billings, Josh Maxfield, Seth Macia, Deb Randall, Mary & James Phelps. Present at meeting: Elisabeth DerNederlanden (resident), Michelle Johnston (resident), Nina (visitor).

1. Open Meeting: The Selectboard opened the meeting at the LERA Campground for the annual fall lottery for seasonal campsites. Ricky opened the meeting at 6:02pm.

Before starting the lottery Ricky asked if anyone had any questions about the lottery process or any other questions or concerns. There were none. At this time, the lottery was started. A total of twelve (12) applications were received. Numbers chosen and sites selected were as follows:

Ball #	Applicant	Site Chosen
1	Nathan Douglas	8
2	Eric & Shawna Hanley	11
3	Randy & Debbie Machia	13
4	David & Lisa Vilord	10
5	Roland & Carmen Billings	3
6	Josh Maxfield	4
7	Tony & Eva Marchessault	9
8	Lyndy Hayden & Bruce Miller	15
9	Dana & Kathy McKnight	17
10	Seth Machia	16
11	Deb Randall	6
12	Mary & James Phelps	7

Ricky asked if anyone wished to switch lots – No. Campsite agreements were signed by each camper and collected by Candace. It was noted that J. Maxfield failed to include his payment and it was agreed that he would be allowed until the end of the week to bring it to Candace at the Town Office.

The Selectboard reconvened at the Town Office to continue the agenda.

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Under #14) Board of Abatement Meetings.

3. Citizens Input:

a.) Chickens on Knowles Flat Road: This is a follow up to a complaint that came in over a month ago regarding a residents' free ranging chickens which are causing a nuisance and health concern to neighbors in the area. A letter has been sent to the property owner, requesting cooperation with keeping the animals contained to the property, with no response. The Board authorized Freeda to send a similar letter directly to the renter of the property.

b.) Speeding on East Hill Road: Residents joined the meeting to voice concerns of speeding on East Hill Road. The Board said they recognize the problem adding it is a concern nearly town-wide, not just on East Hill Road. It is a concern that the Board is planning to address when a meeting can take place with the Lamoille County Sheriff's department and other towns within our county. Such a meeting was scheduled for last month but was cancelled due to concerns around COVID-19. We are awaiting the rescheduled date for that discussion to take place. At this time, the VSP are the primary response agency for Eden for speed concerns. The Board authorized Freeda to contact the VSP to voice concerns on behalf of the residents regarding speeding, noting areas of concern: East Hill Road and North Road.

The Board agreed to look into options for radar speed feedback signs, which alert drivers if they are over the speed limit with words such as "TOO FAST" "SLOW DOWN", the speed registered at the time, or flashing lights. Freeda agreed to look into the costs and options. She will also reach out to the Sheriffs' Dept. to get a status on the rescheduled county discussion.

4. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.

5. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 9/28. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of 9/28/21 as written. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

6. Health Officer Update: Freeda provided the Board with copies of two reports she had requested the Health Officer submit to the Town Office. One report was done in March and the second report was done in July; both were initiated by renters concerned with the conditions of their residence. The Board voiced their request that the Health Officer be reminded that any reports that she generates should be submitted to the Town Office promptly.

7. Dog Officer Update: The Town Clerk was recently notified of an injured dog that was found and brought to a vet for care. After consulting with Ricky as the Selectboard Chair, Candace relayed to the vet and Eden's Dog Officer that the Town would not authorize or be financially responsible for vet care. The dog was reunited with its owner thereafter.

8. Beach Update:

a.) Water: John Campagna of Plumbing Solutions will do the seasonal water system shut down Monday, October 18th.

b.) Swim Lessons 2022: The Board authorized Freeda to e-sign the digital contract for Eden swim lessons for next year. The contract no longer originates in paper form, and all signing must be done digitally now. Ricky made a motion to authorize Freeda to e-sign the contract with Teach America to Swim for two weeks of lessons in August of 2022. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

9. G1 Funds Update: Freeda drafted a project proposal for the Trustees to consider using the remaining funds as the Town of Eden's match to a future structure at Boy Scout Camp Road, with the lion's share being funded by large project grant funds. This would be a similar approach to use of funds as was done on Knowles Flat Road. The draft was sent to Rob Moore of LCPC for review; this will be discussed further at the 10/26/21 meeting.

10. Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Plan information: The Board reviewed the 2022 small group plans & premiums offered by BCBS of Vermont. Clayton requested current rates to compare to; this will be reviewed again at the next regular meeting, 10/26.

11. Road Commissioner's Report:

a.) Driveway Access Permit on North Road: The Board reviewed an access permit for a property located on North Road. Ricky said this property already has an existing driveway; State rules mandate only a single access to any parcel. Clayton agreed, saying unless a property goes through subdivision, it can only have a single access. The Board declined approving this application at this time. Freeda will explain to the applicant why the permit is not approved.

b.) Other activity of the Highway Department: Ricky said they have completed work on Square Road under the Better Back Roads grant. Next, they are planning to work on South Pond Road under the MRPG grant. In the meantime, they have continued to put up sand for the year and have been busy unblocking culverts from beaver activity.

Ricky asked Candace and Freeda to research the turn-around that was put in on Knowles Flat Road when the culvert replacement project took place. Clarify if that was done with a temporary or permanent easement.

Regarding the completed work at that site, Ricky has been in contact with Jim Cota of the AOT to discuss his concerns with the unsatisfactory work done by the State. The response from Jim was to take photos of the work being questioned, compile any documentation of the Town voicing this dissatisfaction at the time the work was being completed and to make repairs as we see fit. Ricky will take pictures of the failing rip rap at the bridge site and will do some work to improve it next week. Freeda indicated that at the time the project was being completed, the State cancelled the usual in person site visit due to concerns around COVID-19 and at that time requested comments in email form only. The Town did provide such comments, but at that time the concerns we have now were not evident (i.e., failing rip rap) and so were not included in our comments at that time.

12. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 9/28/21:

a.) Under #3c) Ethan & Donna Hill from Hillside Trash Co.

b.) Under #11c) Recommendations from Town Attorney

c.) Under #13) Feral Cat Report from Copley Hospital
Ricky made a motion to approve the additions and deletions from 9/28/21, as listed above (#12a-c). Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

13. Other Business:

a.) The Board must appoint two Eden residents to the Regional Emergency Management Committee. One must be the town's emergency management director; for Eden this is Jeff Hunsberger. The other should be someone involved in local rescue, EMS or Fire Department. Jubal made a motion to appoint Jeff Hunsberger and Marvin Whitcomb to the Regional Emergency Management Committee. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will notify both gentlemen, who had already been given a heads-up about this appointment and will notify the pertinent individual at LCPC, Alec Jones.

b.) Secure town report printer for 2022: The Board was notified that there is a world-wide paper shortage taking place and were therefore encouraged to secure the printer for the Town Report in advance. The Board reviewed a proposal from Repro, the company that has printed our reports for the past two years. The Board agreed to go with them again and to secure them as the printer for the next two years in order to get a better cost. Jubal made a motion to authorize signing a two year contract with Repro printers for the Eden Town Report. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will notify Mary Dearborn of Repro this week and send her the signed contract. We will approve a printing schedule sometime after Thanksgiving.

14. FYI: Board of Abatement and the BCA will each hold a meeting on 10/27/21. The first will be a Board of Abatement hearing at 6pm, and immediately following will be a BCA meeting to purge the checklist.

15. Adjourn: Jubal made a motion to adjourn. Ricky seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Minutes Approved on 10/26/21 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittimore, Jubal Durivage.
Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant