

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

November 9, 2021 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on November 9, 2021. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage, Candace Vear, Freeda Powers. Also present: Sam Crocker (resident), Carrie Watson (resident).

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:01pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Citizens Input:
  - a.) Sam Crocker, Eden resident, attended the meeting to inquire if the Board would approve putting a question to the voters on the Town Meeting warning regarding the opt-in for retail cannabis in Eden. The Board said they feel this would best be addressed by getting a petition of 5% of registered Eden voters to the Town Clerk by January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022. If at least 5% of the registered voters in Eden sign a petition asking for the question to be put on the Town Meeting warning, we will do that and it can go to a vote of the people at Town Meeting day, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2022.
  - b.) Carrie Watson, Eden resident, joined the meeting per the Board's request; she is interested in joining the Eden Planning Commission. The Board made introductions and asked Carrie about her interest in joining the EPC. She explained that she recently made Eden her home after living in Johnson where she also served on local boards and committees. She wants to be involved here in Eden now that she calls it home. She said she does not come with an agenda or position, simply that she cares about her community and wants to see thoughtful care put towards protecting rather than exploiting, what makes Eden special. The Selectboard proposed that Carrie attend a few EPC meetings as a guest to get a feel for it and see if she thinks it will be a good fit. Carrie agreed this seemed like a good approach. The EPC has not been meeting regularly for some time now, but Candace indicates they will be posting a meeting in the next several weeks.
4. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.
5. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 10/26. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/26/21 as written. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.
6. Generator Maintenance 2022 Contracts: Clayton made a motion to sign the school generator maintenance agreement with Brookfield Services for \$666 if paid by Nov.

23rd and to sign the town office generator maintenance agreement with Brookfield Services for \$423 if paid by Nov. 23. Jubal seconded the motion. Approved and signed.

7. LERA:

a.) The Board briefly reviewed the income and expense report which covers July through November 2021. They requested a full accounting of LERA income and expenses from January to November. Freeda will provide this at their next meeting.

b.) The Board reviewed the LERA Manager & Assistant Managers contracts. Ricky made a motion to sign the LERA Manager Contract with Craig Rounds as the 2022 season manager at a rate of \$10,200 which will not include the usual camper lot site #18. Clayton seconded the motion. Approved and signed.

Ricky made a motion to sign the LERA Manager's Assistant Contract with Pam and Johnna Uhlendorff as the 2022 season manager's assistants at a rate of \$2,000 as well as use of camper lot site #18 for the season. Jubal seconded the motion. Approved and signed.

8. Grants Update:

a.) MRPG grant work has been completed on South Pond Road. Improvements such as crowning, deberming and ditching were accomplished with these grant funds; work was completed by the Eden Highway Department. Final invoices will be submitted by the deadline of November 12<sup>th</sup>.

b.) Structures Grant: The Board discussed the best time to resend the RFP for concrete work on Bridge #15 on Blakeville Road. It was agreed the RFP should go out again the first week of January. We anticipate this project to be completed in 2022.

c.) AFG: We were not awarded for this past year's Aid to Firefighters Grant. We will apply again in December. This is an important grant which can provide a good amount of funds; we aim to get replacement air packs for our firefighters. This equipment is very expensive and critical to their safety.

9. Follow up on speed concerns: The Board reviewed speed and traffic count data from 2021. This data was collected at three locations in Eden: Rte. 100 by the Fishing Access, Rte. 100 south of Camp Road and North Road just south of the county line.

10. Road Commissioner's Report:

a.) Excavation permit on Square Road. There was some confusion in the office about this Agenda item. Office staff understood it to be an expired driveway access permit however the Highway Department clarified that the driveway was put in according to the permit and met the deadline. The applicant will require an excavation permit to have utilities brought to the property for a sugarhouse. Deadlines will affect this excavation permit; the Town permit does not allow digging across a roadway after November 1<sup>st</sup> and the Utility Company will not lay underground lines after November 1<sup>st</sup> due to colder weather.

b.) Traffic Data Review: Covered in #9; the Board reviewed 2021 traffic data.

c.) Other Activities of the Highway Department: Ricky said they are working on getting the trucks ready for snow. Pike is finishing paving this week on Knowles Flat Road.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 10/26/21: None.
12. Other Business: The Lamoille County Planning Commission is seeking input on the draft Lamoille River Tactical Basin plan; comments are due to the state Agency of Natural Resources by November 12<sup>th</sup>.
13. FYI:
  - a.) The Board received a copy of the LFCUD Annual Report and proposed budget.
  - b.) The Board will welcome representatives from VSP and the Lamoille Sheriffs' Dept. on 11/23 to discuss coverage needs or pertinent concerns in Eden.
14. Adjourn: Clayton made a motion to adjourn. Jubal seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

Minutes Approved on 11/23/21 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittmore, Jubal Durivage, Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant