

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

February 8, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on February 8, 2022. Present: Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage, Candace Vear, Beth Spaulding, Freeda Powers. Also present: Town Auditors Tracey Morin & Leslie White.

1. Open Meeting: Clayton opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Citizens Input: The Board reviewed a written complaint received at the Town Office on 1/25/22 regarding a loose dog in the neighborhood of Ash Lane. Freeda will reach out to the Dog Officer to see that she has received a copy of the complaint for follow up. The Board requested that the Dog Officer submit a brief status report to update them on her duties in the past month or so.  
An additional complaint from the same resident, regarding speeding on Ash Lane, was also reviewed. The Board acknowledged the residents' concern regarding vehicles speeding in a residential area, but noted that the Town does not have purview on private roads, which Ash Lane is. They requested Freeda to draft a response letter with the recommendation the residents on Ash Lane work together to address this concern and share the cost of the MPH signs they are seeking.
4. Sign orders: Six (6) orders were reviewed and signed.
5. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 1/25/22 and 1/31/22. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/25/22 and 1/31/22 meetings as written. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0.
6. CAI Technologies: The Board reviewed the proposed contract from Cartographic Associates, Inc., CAI, for Tax Map maintenance services 4/1/22-3/31/23 at a cost of \$1,500 plus \$15 per building added or changed. Jubal made a motion to accept the contract as written. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0. The contract was signed; Freeda will send it to CAI this week.
7. Highway Dept:
  - a.)AOT Forms to sign
    - i.) Annual Financial Plan; review & sign
    - ii.) Certification of Compliance with road & bridge standards; review & sign
    - iii.) Resolution to post spring roads; review & sign

iiii.) Town road & bridge standards; review & sign

The Board agreed to table agenda item #7a) to a future meeting.

b.) Excess Weight Permits: Jubal made a motion to approve to town specifications excess weight permits for Gosselin Water Wells, Inc. and RG Gosselin, Inc. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0. Approved and signed.

8. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 1/25/22:

- a.) Citizen Input; letter of complaint re: speeding & loose dog on Ash Lane
- b.) Letter received re: Sick time

Jubal made a motion to ratify the additions and deletions from 1/25/22, as listed above, #8 (a-b). Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0.

9. Other Business: Sick time discussion (ct'd): Clayton made a motion to enter executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313 to discuss personnel matters. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board entered executive session at 6:50pm. The Board came out of executive session at 7:10pm. Clayton reported that no decisions were made. Clayton made a motion to approve the purchase of three digital camera devices with vehicle mounts for the town trucks. Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0.

10. FYI:

a.) The Board reviewed a copy of the confirmed legislative reappointment redistricting map, showing Eden in District ORL-LAM (population 4593; members 1) with the towns of Jay, Westfield and Lowell.

b.) The Board received a request for consideration of ARPA funds from Lamoille Community House.

c.) The Board received initial Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) funds information. This is a massive funding effort from the U.S. Government to support infrastructure investments. There are over 25 newly created funding opportunity categories for everything related to infrastructure. There will be billions of dollars in competitive funding available to towns and municipalities. Eden may be interested in considering broadband funding and highway/bridge funding opportunities. These funds will require grant application and staff time for grant writing and management.

11. Adjourn: Clayton made a motion to adjourn. Jubal seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 2/22/22 by Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage. Ricky Morin abstained from this review as he was absent for the 2/8/22 meeting.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant