

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

March 8, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on March 8, 2022. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Candace Vear, Beth Spaulding, Freeda Powers. Also present: Norm Patenaude (Pike Industries), Town Auditors Tracey Morin & Leslie White.

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:02pm.

To accommodate those present, the Board agreed to go to Agenda item #9, #6 then #7.

9. Grants: The Board received and reviewed two bids for paving a section of East Hill Road under Class II Grant Funds. Work will be done this summer. The bids received were:

Pike Industries, Inc.	\$184,426.00
EJ Hutchins, Inc.	\$146,718.00

After review and discussion, the Board felt that the locked-in price estimate offered by Pike Industries, Inc. was a more sound financial decision than the bid from EJ Hutchins, Inc. which stated that their estimate may be adjusted based on asphalt cement pricing index as determined by VTrans, which may change monthly. Tim made a motion to accept the bid from Pike Industries, Inc. at a secured quote of \$184,426.00. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

6. Sick Time (ct'd): The Board reviewed input from the Town Attorney in regards to Eden's Personnel Policy and paying out unused sick time when employees leave. The Board had additional clarifying questions for the attorney; Candace will relay those inquiries and the Board will resume this discussion at their 3/22/22 meeting.

7. Personnel Policy (review, revise, discuss): Leslie White offered her input on both the town's Personnel Policy and the Salary & Benefits Policy. The Board will review Leslie's proposed changes and will continue this review of policies at their 3/22/22 meeting.

Returning to the Agenda:

2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:
 - a.) Under Dog Officer:
 - i. Response to loose dogs on Ash Lane
 - ii. Stray cat brought to Lamoille Valley Veterinary Service 3/5/22
 - b.) Under 8b: NA Manosh Inc. and Cardinal Logistics Management Corp.
 - c.) Under 12: LERA Managers Assistants notice of resignation
3. Citizens Input: None.
4. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.
5. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 12/28/21, 2/22/22 & 3/1/22 meetings. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/28/21 meeting as written. Ricky seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0. Tim abstained from this vote as he was not present for the 12/28/21 meeting. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of the 2/22 and 3/1 meetings as amended. Ricky seconded the motion. The Board voted 2-0. Tim abstained from this vote as he was not present for these meetings.
8. Highway Dept:
 - a.)AOT Forms to sign
 - i.) Annual Financial Plan: Clayton made a motion to approve and sign the annual AOT financial plan form as presented by Freeda. Tim seconded the motion. Approved and signed.
 - ii.) Certification of Compliance with road & bridge standards: Tim made a motion to approve and sign the Certification of Compliance. Clayton seconded the motion. Approved and signed.
 - iii.) Resolution to post spring roads: The resolution to post roads due to spring conditions was reviewed. Clayton made the motion to sign the resolution to post Eden town roads for spring road conditions from March 8, 2022 to May 1, 2022. Tim seconded the motion. Approved and signed.
 - iiii.) Town road & bridge standards: Tim made a motion to approve and sign the town road and bridge standards. Clayton seconded the motion. Approved and signed.
 - b.) Excess Weight Permits: Clayton made a motion to accept to town specifications, excess weight permits for the following: Scott Brown Trucking, John G French & Sons Trucking, Inc., Jack F. Corse, Inc., Riggs Distler & Co., Inc., NA Manosh Inc. and Cardinal Logistics Management Corp. Ricky seconded the motion. Approved and signed.
 - c.) Department Update: Ricky updated the Board on activities on Camp Road.
10. G1 Holdings: The Board received and reviewed a response from John Schmeltzer to Eden's proposal of Boy Scout Camp Road structure funding. The request for G1 holdings funds to be used as the Town's cost share of the culvert replacement project at the Boy Scout Camp Road location was denied by the Trustees. The reason for the denial of the project as a consideration for funds was that: *the circumstances on which this project was not selected in the final restoration plan still appear to apply*. Namely, that VTrans has no immediate plans for the nearby Rte. 100 crossing.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 2/22/22:
 - a.) Under 9d: Paronto Road design; review & respond
 - b.) Under 12c: Continued rebuild & upgrade of Lowell Substation
 - c.) Under 11c: Health Officer Report
 - d.) Under 11d: Planning Commission letter of resignation

Ricky made the motion to ratify the additions and deletions from the 2/22/22 meeting as listed in #11 (a-d). Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

12. Other Business: The Board received a notice of resignation from the 2021 season LERA Manager's Assistants.

13. FYI: The Board received notice of a new funding opportunity for diesel equipment replacement. Ricky indicated the 2000 truck is scheduled for replacement and this would be a good opportunity to offset the cost of that if we can get some grant funds. Freeda will begin the application process.

14. Adjourn: Ricky made the motion to adjourn at 8:41pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 3/22/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant