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

June 14, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on June 14, 2022. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Candace Vear. Also present: Leslie White, Art Curcillo.

1.   Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:05pm.

2.   Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:
      Under #16a: LCPC Appointments due 7/1/22
      Under #16b: Utility ROW request
      Under #17b: FOIA request

3.   Citizens Input: Art Curcillo, resident and president of the Lake Eden Association, came before the Board to discuss the importance of Lake Eden to the Town as great recreational and economic asset. He underscored the value of clean waters and the impact that has on the lakeshore property values as well. An infestation of an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) into Lake Eden would hamper recreation and environmental enjoyment of the lake. The Town does put aside money for prevention of AIS in Lake Eden; some costs of the grant program have been deducted from those funds in the past. Art is requesting that those funds remain untouched until or unless we have an AIS introduction at Lake Eden, and additional funds from the General Fund be used to offset the costs of the grant program. The Board indicated they will draft an article for the 2023 Town Meeting Warning to address the costs of running the grant program and asked Art to be available to review that language in the Fall.

4.   Sign orders: Eight (8) orders were reviewed and signed.

5.   Minutes: Ricky made a motion to approve the minutes of 5/24/22 as amended and the minutes of 6/4/22 as written. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

6.   LERA update: Craig reports that all is going well at LERA for the first part of the season. Lake water testing was discussed.

7.   Town Health Officer: The Board received and reviewed the THO's May Report.

8.   FEMA: The Board reviewed the signed contracts for Blakeville Road BR13 and Paronto Road. Freeda will contact Stone Environmental and CCS to coordinate a pre-construction meeting with Ricky for Blakeville Road. Paronto Road culvert replacement will be delayed to 2023 due to materials availability.

9.   ARPA Funds: The Board discussed allocating funds towards computer equipment upgrades for the Town Office. Discussion continued around the possibility for a new Town Offices building. Clayton made a motion to table this discussion to the 6/28 meeting. Tim seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

10. G1 Funds: The Board continued discussions around allocation of G1 funds. A draft of proposed projects was reviewed. The Board requested Freeda submit the proposal to the Trustees.

11. Grants:
     a.) MRPG SFY23 Grants in Aid: The Board reviewed the annual letter of intent to participate in the MRPG grant for 2023. Eden stands to receive up to $15,000 through this grant. Tim made a motion to sign the MRPG SFY23 Grants in Aid letter of intent. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will submit the signed document as required.
     b.) BBR FY23: The Board received notice of denial for the application for Griggs Road culvert replacement through the Better Back Roads grant. Freeda inquired with the State to learn the reasons for the denial; response indicates an increase in applicants and lack of available funds.
     c.) AOT Structures Grant FY22: The Board reviewed the FY22 reimbursement request from engineering and design of a structure at Boy Scout Camp Road. The Town is due to receive 22,972.50 from this grant completion. Tim made a motion to sign the BBR FY23 request for reimbursement form in the amount of $22,972.50. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will submit the signed document as required.
     d.) AOT Structures Grant FY23: The Board has received preliminary approval for FY23 AOT Structures grant application to complete the structure at Boy Scout Camp Road.

12. Road Commissioner's Report:
     a.) Driveway Access Permit: The Board reviewed a Driveway Access Permit for property located on Camp Road. Ricky indicated this is a second driveway to a single property parcel and is therefore not permissible. Tim made a motion to deny the application for a driveway access to property located on Camp Road based on the single access allowance. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will notify the applicant.
     b.) Update of other activities of Highway Dept.: Ricky reports they will be completing street sweeping this week.

13. Personnel Policy review (ct'd): The Board agreed to table this agenda item to a future meeting.

14. Annual Salary Review: Tim made a motion to table this agenda item to the next warned meeting, June 28th, to give the tax payers the opportunity to offer input and participate. Clayton seconded the motion. So voted.

15. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 5/24/22:
    a.) LFCUD: Letter of Resignation & update
    b.) FEMA:
        i. Blakeville Rd. BR13 proposed Value Engineering change pave to cement
        ii. Recalculation of Fed Share from 75% to 90% & State Share 7.5% to 3%
    c.) ARPA: Discuss spending plan and/or set special meeting to discuss?
    d.) Under #13c: Town Office closed at 11:00 on 5/26/22 for training

    Ricky made a motion to ratify the additions and deletions from the May 24, 2022 meeting as listed above in #15. Tim seconded the motion. Approved.

16. Other Business:
    a.) LCPC Appointments due 7/1/22; Eden needs a rep.
    b.) Utility ROW request from VT Electric Co-op; Ricky to meet with applicant on site.
    c.) The Dog Officer has submitted her letter of resignation. The Board requested that the position be posted.

17. FYI:
    a.) FYI: ACT250 Application 5L1176-6B, Deuso Subdivision
    b.) FOIA Request: A VT resident has made a Freedom of Information Act request to view our DHS grant application for radios for the Fire Dept.

18. Adjourn: Ricky made a motion to adjourn. Tim seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 6/28/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant