

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

Minutes of Special Meeting, October 25, 2022

The Selectboard held a special meeting at Lake Eden Recreation Area on October 25, 2022. Present at the meeting were: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Freeda Powers, Craig Rounds (LERA Manager), Pam and Johnna Uhlendorff (LERA Manager's Assistants), Peter Danforth (Director, Lamoille County Conservation District) and Evan Fitzgerald (Fitzgerald Environmental Associates). Also present, residents Matthew Mitchell and Craig Kneeland.

Ricky opened the meeting at the Lake Eden Recreation Area at 5:00 pm.

1.) LERA End of Season Walk Through: The Selectboard made a final walk through of the grounds. The water system was successfully shut down and winterized on 10/19/22 by John Campagna of Plumbing Solutions. The docks have been pulled and the picnic tables are all put away under the shelters. The grounds looked to be in good condition and things appeared to be in order. The riding mower has been serviced. Final trash removal will be scheduled with Hillside Trash Co.

Craig recommends replacing picnic tables as we can. He said the lifeguard chair is being maintained.

Craig made an effort to expand the kayak storage area since it is a large draw to the lake and the need was there.

Craig, Pam and Johnna shared that this was a very successful year at Lake Eden Rec Area. They indicated they had implemented offers for day use passes which turned out to be lucrative and popular.

Overall, the Board was pleased with the condition of the grounds and with the attentiveness and competence of LERA Management this year. They offered thanks to Craig, Pam and Johnna. The Board will discuss renewing their annual contracts at their next meeting where they will finalize draft contracts and they can be signed any time after.

This portion of the meeting ended at 5:25 pm.

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2.) LERA Stormwater Design Plans: The Board proceeded with the next agenda item, meeting with Peter Danforth and Evan Fitzgerald to discuss plans to do Lakeshore BMP and address stormwater runoff into Lake Eden. These plans and proposed work are funded with a portion of the G1 funds, through the VT Fish & Wildlife Department.

The Board offered support of the plans with input that encouraged unimpeded access to the Beach, the docks and the boat racks. The Board discouraged plans to encroach upon the existing parking area.

The water feature in the design plans calls for a stone-lined bioretention basin/rain garden approximately 10' wide x 1.5' deep x 70' long running perpendicular between the existing parking area and the boat rack. Buried pipe would collect and convey stormwater runoff from the driveway and parking lot to the existing basin to the west.

Discussion around the location and size of the boat rack led to a potential agreement for the plans to include remaking the boat rack a few feet further back from the parking area to allow more room for the water collection feature in the plans. If this can be included in the scope of this project, the entire boat rack would be rebuilt with proper materials and adequate room for boats and visitors.

It was agreed that the project would include reworking the site overall to improve slope and grade from the parking area to the beach. This will improve sheet flow while also improving footing for visitors.

Peter will work on getting a quote for the pressure treated lumber and supplies for the boat rack and confirm available funding to include this in the overall scope of work for this project. He will be in touch to let the Board know the outcome.

3.) Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 6:05pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 11/08/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant