

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

November 8, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on November 8, 2022. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Freeda Powers. Also present: Bruce Burnor.

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:09pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Citizens Input: Craig Kneeland from the Eden Energy Committee was unable to make it to the meeting tonight; he has been invited to attend a future meeting to continue discussions around a potential solar panel installation across from the town beach.

Bruce Burnor came before the Board to discuss town meeting day and other items.

4. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.
5. Gihon TrakPackers: The Board reviewed the land use request from the snowmobile club for use of a portion of Square Road and White Road. Property owners in that area have been notified of this request and voiced no objection at this time. Ricky made a motion to approve and sign the Gihon TrakPackers Land Use Request form which allows use of portions of Square Road and White Road from Dec. 15, 2022-April 15, 2023. Riders are to stay to the side of the roadway and ride on the road shoulder whenever possible. Signage is required. Tim seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.
6. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the 10/25/22 special and regular meetings. Tim made a motion to approve the minutes of 10/25/22 as written. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.
7. LERA: The Board reviewed complete 2022 financials for the town beach and campground. Overall, it was a lucrative year, with revenue topping \$19,000. The Board reviewed the 2023 contracts for the LERA Manager and Assistants. Ricky made a motion to approve and sign the 2023 season LERA Manager Contract with Craig Rounds returning as the manager. Tim seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will contact him for his signature.

Ricky made a motion to approve and sign the 2023 season LERA Manager's Assistants Contract with Pam & Johanna Uhlendorff returning as the manager's assistants. Tim seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will contact them for signatures.
8. Grants:

a.) Better Back Roads 2023: The Board agreed to apply for this grant, due in December, for funds towards a culvert replacement on Griggs Road. Freeda will put the application together for submission.

b.) LCBP: This grant, up to \$20,000 towards the Lake Eden greeter program and milfoil controls has been submitted for the 2023 season.

c.) ANC: This grant offers additional funds towards eradicating and managing the invasive water milfoil in Lake Eden. The grant comes out in early 2023; we will apply.

d.) Class II Grant: The Board agreed to apply for this AOT grant for funds towards paving on North Road. This grant comes out in early 2023 and we will apply. Freeda will work with Ricky on getting a cost estimate and site details.

9. Road Commissioner's Report:

a.) Status of South Pond Rd.: The Eden Highway Department has completed it's MRPG related work on South Pond Road. This is grant funded work that helps Eden achieve the State mandate regarding hydrologically connected road segments to address storm water runoff.

b.) Status of East Hill: Paving is complete on a portion of East Hill Road, with shoulders still to be done. This work, done by Pike Industries, was also partly grant funded through the AOT Class II Grant.

c.) Other activities of Hwy. Dept.: Ricky reports that Truck #4 has been in the shop for repairs. The purchase of a new town truck should be secured soon in order to be available next year. The Board discussed options and costs, including different makes. It was agreed to submit our request at this time in order to secure the vehicle for next year with prices as received in quotes. The Eden Highway Department has been busy completing MRPG compliance work including ditching, deberming and crowning on South Pond Road. With that work now complete, they are focusing on getting all trucks winter-ready.

10. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 10/25/22:

a.) Under #15e: Driveway Permits for Alderfer Enterprises & St. Pierre

b.) Under #15f: Set date for driveway access reviews

c.) Under #15g: Quote for 2023 East Hill cold planning & paving received

d.) Under #17d: Health Officer October Report.

Ricky made a motion to ratify the additions and deletions from the October 25, 2022 meeting as listed above in #10. Tim seconded the motion. Approved.

11. Other Business:

a.) Hazard Mitigation Plan: Eden's HMP is due for a required 5 year update by June 2023. This process takes time, so the Board reviewed a schedule of completion for this revision. Lamoille County Planning Commission will do a lot of the preliminary data gathering for this update. The Eden Planning Commission will be encouraged to be active in this process and public meetings will be held for residents to participate as well.

b.) Eden/NHP Fire Dept.: The Boards of Eden and Hyde Park will meet at the firehouse at 7:00pm on Dec.7th to go over the annual fire department budget.

12. FYI: None.

13. Adjourn: Ricky made a motion to adjourn. Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 11/22/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.  
Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant