

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

December 27, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on December 27, 2022. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Freeda Powers, Tracey Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White.

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:17pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Under #10
  - a.) G1 Funds Update
  - b.) FEMA Update: Blakeville Rd. bridge
3. Citizens Input: None.
4. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.
5. Town Office update: The Board acknowledged recent news of the passing of Town Clerk and Treasurer, Candace Vear. Following Vermont State statutes, the Selectboard appoints an interim person to hold the open positions left by her passing, until Town Meeting Day. Also following State statutes, the positions will be posted publicly. Ricky made a motion to appoint Tracey Morin to the following positions until Town Meeting Day 2023: Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Delinquent Tax Collector and Trustee of Public Funds. Tim seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Required forms were signed by the Board and will be posted to the town website, store and post office.

The Board discussed possible changes to the town office hours going forward. The Board also discussed the pros and cons of having the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer positions elected vs. appointed. The Board feel they need to give further consideration to these options.
6. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of the 12/13 & 12/20 meetings. Clayton made a motion to approve the minutes of 12/13/22 and 12/20/22 as written. Tim seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.
7. Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Board received the revised draft of the HMP from the Lamoille County Planning Commissioners. The Board will take time to go over the document again prior to the required opening to public comment period in January.
8. Road Commissioner's Report: Ricky reports that the Highway Department have been busy with plowing and sanding; grading when temps rise. They have been doing maintenance on all town trucks.

9. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 12/13/22
  - a.) Town Health Officer's Monthly Report for Nov.
  - b.) MRPG Annual Fee

Ricky made a motion to ratify the additions and deletions from the 12/13/22 meeting as listed above in #9. Tim seconded the motion. Approved.

10. Other Business:

- a. G1 Funds Update: Freeda provided the Board with a summary of submitted documented work completed by the Eden Highway Department in 2022. So far, she has documented and submitted expenses totaling \$102,371.11. We await a response from the Trustees regarding reimbursement of those expenses with G1 funds.

- b.) FEMA / Blakeville Rd. Bridge: Freeda has all documentation compiled and submitted for this large project with costs totaling \$646,536.44, reimbursable at 90% by FEMA.

- c. The Board requested Freeda to follow up on seeking a quote for lumber and labor for the boat rack at LERA, slated to be paid for with remaining G1 funds being spent around Lake Eden. Also, the Board asked to get confirmation if the funds will be available towards culvert replacement projects slated for Griggs Road and Boy Scout Camp Road.

11. FYI: Town Report: The Town Report is due to the printer February 6<sup>th</sup>. We are in good shape to make this deadline.

12. Adjourn: Ricky made a motion to adjourn. Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 1/10/23 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant