

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

February 28, 2023 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on February 28, 2023. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Melissa Whitcomb and Tracey Morin. Also present: Leslie White, Brooke Stygles

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: 2 Excess Weights permits for N.A Manosh and Structural Wood Corp to be discussed under #9 Highway Dept.
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Automated External Defibrillator purchase request for ECS: The board received a letter from Brooke Stygles. Brooke was not yet present and the Board proceeded with discussion. There were questions as to why the school wasn't involved in the request and why they were not contributing. Clayton motioned to deny and suggested the request be taken to the Schoolboard. Tim seconded, all agreed. Just as the discussion ended, Brooke later arrived to the meeting and the Selectboard returned to the item to hear comments. Brooke explained that the principal, Betzi Goodman, had agreed today to contribute \$400 toward the cost \$1607.00 and the school would pay for upkeep and maintenance on a five year schedule after initial purchase. Brooke stated that they had applied for a grant but would not be eligible for the funds until 2025. The Board thought that it was a great idea but that the school should work it into their budget and the district should be liable for the cost now that ECS is part of LNMUUSD and they have provided for other schools in their district and should do so equally. The Board agreed that the school would be benefiting from the purchase, therefore, should be responsible for the cost.
5. Sign Orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.
6. Minutes: The board reviewed the minutes of the 2/28 meeting. Clayton motioned to approve, Tim seconded, approved
7. Eden Energy Committee Sustainable VT Quote: Board agreed to postpone the review of the third quote on the potential solar array at the LERA property until after the Town Meeting and results of the vote on the article asking for funds from the town to pay for installation are known.
8. Beach Update: Information was received on the purchase of a Memorial Bench for Candy at the cost of approximately \$723. With funds from the American Gift Fund, Clayton motioned to purchase, Tim seconded, approved.
9. Highway Dept:
 - a.) Resolution to post roads for Spring conditions: Ricky talked about concerns regarding Xfinity working in the area and a new construction project of a modular home that is scheduled for early March on Mountain View Ln. He stated that he has had discussion with both parties and explained that posting would happen this week and they could only be on the roads when they are frozen, likely first thing in the morning. Ricky will call the rep from Huntington Homes to reiterate the restrictions. Tim motioned to adopt resolution as written. Clayton seconded. Approved and signed.
 - b.) Excess Weight Permits: Ricky motioned to approve all to town specs. Clayton seconded. Approved
 - c.) Driveway Access Permits: Derek Griggs-already has an access to his East Hill property. Ricky wants to talk to Derek to see if the lot is split and/or reason for request for second access off of Griggs Rd. Request from Scollard/Cunningham on Square Rd. was approved to town specs, with special circumstances, not to start until after the posting of the roads has been lifted.

10. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 2/14/23: Ricky motioned to approve. Tim seconded. Approved. Additions and Deletions: a.) the questions on solar proposal and b.) excess weight permits for New England Quality Service, Inc. and Barrett trucking Co., Inc.

11. Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: At the request of Lamoille County Planning Commission, The Board agreed to the changes proposed by the community input and requested to see an updated version of plan before it is sent to Vermont Emergency Management.

12. Town Meeting Update: Reviewed March 7th Special Meeting Agenda. Tracey requested that due to new staff in the office and many new residents in town that anyone speaking at Town Meeting state their name beforehand and identify themselves when making a motion or second from the floor.

13. Town Policy Review continued: Leslie suggested it may be appropriate to look at employee compensation. Looking ahead, the potential to have office tasks completed by 2 full time employees working 40 hours a week seems possible. Part time help to cover during busy times could help cover the additional workload instead of 3 employees working 32 hours weekly.

14. Other Business:

- a.) No update on the use of school as Eden's Emergency Shelter
- b.) No update on Assessor's Office/ Reappraisal
- c.) Town Office update on plans to advertise open positions after Town Meeting
- d.) Discussed current grants.

15. FYI: none

16. Tim motioned to adjourn at 8:30, Clayton seconded, approved

Approved minutes,
Melissa Whitcomb, Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer