

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

October 11, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

Present at the meeting: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tracey Morin, Beth Spaulding, Candace Vear, Leslie White, Art Curcillo

1. Meeting opened at 5:30 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:
  - The contract for the new Fire truck approved by the voters at Town Meeting 2022 was presented. Clayton made the motion to sign the contract to borrow \$110,000 from the VT Municipal Equipment Loan Fund at 0% interest. Ricky seconded the motion. So moved
  - a.) There was no September Town Health Officer's report.
  - b.) Art Curcillo's interest in participating in the Eden Energy Committee was noted. Eden's policy requires that members of all committees must be residents of the town. Art only spends part of the year in Town so would not qualify. Anyone can attend and participate in meetings but will not be able to cast a vote in any decisions. Art was thanked for his interest.
3. Citizen's input:
  - Leslie, as one of the Trustees of Public Funds informed the board about the meeting with Edward Jones to discuss investing Cemetery funds and some Town Funds in FDIC insured CD's as they offer interest rates much higher than the bank we now currently use. All interest earned will go back to the taxpayers when setting the tax rate.
  - Candy asked the board for an extended medical leave and will come in when she is able. The board expressed their concern and support and confirmed that Candy should take as much time as she needs. Ricky motioned to approve the medical leave, Clayton seconded. So moved. She will submit a letter of intent for the record. Candy did speak with the Town Lawyer to confirm that the proper protocol is followed during her absence. Candy also spoke with Community Bank so that someone else is authorized to move money if Candy is unavailable.
  - Tracey will be filling in as assistant clerk and submitted her resignation as auditor. Ricky motioned to accept the resignation, Clayton seconded. So moved. Holding the position of assistant clerk and auditor simultaneously is a conflict of interest. Leslie will also help in the office until a new Assistant Clerk can be hired as Beth is changing jobs.
  - Candy informed the Board that the company we now use for recording purposes is increasing their rates significantly. Further discussion and options available will be considered.
4. Orders were signed by the 2 members present. Tim will also need to sign the orders.
5. The minutes of 9/27/22 were reviewed with one requested change by Clayton. #11 In the discussion on proceeding with the planning of a new Town Clerk's Office with ARPA funds, Clayton asked that Leslie's name be added as contributing to the process.
6. ARPA funds. Leslie presented the drawings done by Silver Ridge Designs for a new Town Clerk's Office but expressed concern that they did not meet our needs as had been expressed. Leslie drew up an additional plan and will ask if the architect would be willing to draft that plan.

7. BCBS rates for 2023. The Board reviewed notice from Blue Cross Blue Shield of anticipated rate increases.
8. Personnel Policy review. Tabled until the full board is present.
9. Road Commissioner's report.
  - a.) The report came back from the DOT regarding the traffic concerns on Route 100 near the State Fishing Access. Signage will be improved and a traffic study was completed but no decision was made to reduce the speed limit at this time.
  - b.) Paving on East Hill should happen very soon. The bridge on Blakeville Road is well underway and will be open before winter. Truck #4 is still having some issues. Work on South Pond Road with MRGP grants will be happening this fall.
10. Ratify Additions and Deletions. None
11. Other Business. Fire truck purchase. The Hyde Park and Eden Selectboards met to discuss the purchase of a new pickup and both towns agreed to spend up to \$14,000. The balance of the funds needed for the new vehicle will come from the sale of the truck they are replacing.
12. Adjourn. Meeting ended at 7:10 pm.

Minutes Approved as amended on 10/25/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whitemore, Tim Bullard.

Leslie White recording