

# EDEN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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## Selectboard Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2025

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White, Kristina Brown, Nick Tetreault, Trisha Clough/Spaulding, Hannah & Ryan Speer, Erin & Justin Niles, Bryce & Tabita Niles

1. Open Meeting. Tim opened the meeting at 6:05.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: The properties that have delinquent taxes owed were discussed. The tax sale will likely not be until March if there are still properties that are delinquent.
3. Citizens Input: none
4. Beach Update: Ricky made the motion to purchase a Husqvarna T354 lawn tractor, 24 HP, with a 54" cutting width and hydrostatic transmission for \$4,899.00 from Milton Rental. Delivery to be in the spring. Clayton seconded. Approved
5. Animal Control Update: The dog officer did receive a complaint for a second time on a dog breeder in town. Melissa directed Matt to let the complainants know that it is a civil matter unless there are concerns for the animals' welfare, which would require a complaint to the State.
6. Health Officer Update: none
7. Minutes: Review minutes of 12/16/24. Tim motioned to approve the minutes as written. Clayton seconded. Approved. Ricky made the motion to approve the 12/30/24 minutes as written. Clayton seconded. Approved with 2 votes as Tim was not at that meeting.
8. Signed Orders
9. Eden Youth Sports: Members of the Eden Youth Sports Committee and parents were at the meeting. Parents expressed their displeasure with the process of purchasing uniforms and other items for the kids in a way that did not seem fair. It was stressed that the purchase of uniforms should be done in an equitable manner for girls and boys alike. The cross communication on this issue can be remedied with more parents attending meetings and everyone making sure that all kids are treated in an equal manner. The decisions on how to spend Eden Youth Sports funds is the responsibility of the committee. The checkbook for EYS remains at the Town Office and invoices are submitted to the Town Clerk for payment.
10. Highway Department Update:
  - a) Certificate of Highway Mileage. The road mileage has not changed. The required state paperwork was signed by the board.
  - b) VLCT claim. A driver on the roads in Eden expressed that her windshield was damaged on her car while driving behind a town truck. The driver contacted the town to submit a claim. Vermont League of Cities and Towns, Eden's insurance carrier, did speak with the two parties involved. VLCT deemed there was no negligence on behalf of the Town and has recommended denying payment. The board concurred.
  - c) Other: The town needs to develop a policy so that any class 4 road that is not plowed and requested to be used for logging purposes during the winter must be left in the same condition as before winter. Photographs before and after will be essential. The board will talk with the parties that use that unplowed road during the winter.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
12. Grant Update:
  - a) Blakeville Bridge #15 scope of work grant. The town originally applied for a structures grant to repair the bridge. With no contractors interested due to the perceived integrity of the structure, Eden applied for an extension and a change in the scope of work to hire an engineer to come up with a plan for a replacement. RFP's were submitted, and we did sign a contract with Michie Corp but they were unable to complete the work within the amended time frame. The town is in the process of applying again to the state for a second amendment to the grant so that the contractor can complete the work in 2025 and we can still get the grant funding assistance. The paperwork has been signed and submitted.
  - b) Sign Boy Scout Rd final submission. The final paperwork for the \$200,000 Structures grant is ready to submit for reimbursement with the board signatures. Ricky motioned to sign the paperwork. Clayton seconded. The paperwork will be submitted.
  - c) Other: There are still G-1 funds available with the deadline for the grant being March 30, 2025. The paperwork is ready to submit to the Agency of Natural Resources to use the balance of the G-1 funds to help pay for the Town's share of the Boy Scout Camp box culvert that was completed in November 2024. The road inventory grant paperwork needs to be signed. Ricky motioned to sign the paperwork. Tim seconded. The office will submit the paperwork to LCPC. LCPC expects to begin the survey in the spring of 2025.
13. Other Business:
  - a) Swim Program. Ricky made the motion to sign the contract. Clayton seconded. Agreed.
  - b) Finalize budget. The board will again review the budget at the next meeting on January 21, 2025.
  - c) Town Report: the draft Selectboard Report and draft Articles for the Warning were reviewed.
14. FYI: Equalization Study
15. Adjourn Tim made the motion to adjourn at 9:04 pm. Clayton seconded. Meeting adjourned

Unapproved Minutes

Leslie White, Scribe