

TOWN OF EDEN
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Selectboard Special Meeting Minutes
December 30, 2024

Present at the meeting were Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb and Leslie White

1. Ricky opened the meeting at 6:01 pm
2. Additions and Deletions: none
3. Review Minutes of 12/16/24. Reviewing the minutes has been postponed to the next meeting on January 14, 2025 when the full board is present.
4. Sign Orders
5. Other Business:

The town was awarded a State of Vermont Structures Grant for repairs on the Blakeville Bridge #15 in the amount of \$50,697.00. The work was intended to stabilize/shore up the footings and clean out the original bridge underneath the concrete deck that was poured over the top of the existing bridge. Contractors responded to a request for proposals but no bids were awarded citing to the fragility of the supporting structure. The scope of the work was changed with the state and the grant amended to now solicit an engineering study to help define a long-term fix for the short span structure. After another series of bids, Michie Corp. Concrete Products' quote was chosen for the repairs on the Blakeville Road Bridge but the paperwork had not yet been signed. Ricky made the motion to have Melissa sign the document as she is the listed contact. Clayton seconded. Agreed.

The town was awarded another grant for \$4,832.00 to help fund a road erosion inventory and needs to sign the agreement. The board would like some additional clarification on the time frame, scope of work and who will be responsible for the job before signing the agreement. The office will contact LCPC for some additional details.

The Gihon track packers snowmobiling club has asked to use South Pond Road and East Hill Road from South Pond Road to Square Road as an access to their trails. They will be responsible for all signage and make sure that no snow is left in the road. Ricky motioned to approve this request. Clayton seconded. Agreed.

Dwight Denton asked if he could use a section of Square Road where it is class 4 to use on a logging job. There was discussion on drafting an agreement between the town and any person making such a request that would need to be in place before any work would commence and stipulate that the road be in the same condition after the job was completed as before it started. There was also the question on how the use of the road for logging might impact the dog sledding trail that also uses this road. As the town has recently done some significant work on that section of road, the board wants to ensure that it will stay in good condition. Taking photographs before any work begins would need to be on file. The office will contact the Vermont League of Cities and Towns to see if there is an example contract/agreement that we could use.

Ricky mentioned that the grader needs 4 new tires costing \$5,600. Ricky made the motion to go ahead with the purchase of the tires. Clayton seconded. Agreed.

6. Budget: The board worked on the highway budget numbers for FY 25-26 and will review them again at the next meeting when all 3 board members are present. Compiling the budget numbers also lead to a discussion on Reserve funds and how they receive additional income annually as well as the Town Office addition and the limited time line restrictions imposed by the COVID money the town received related to the pandemic.
7. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 7:38 pm. Ricky seconded. Meeting adjourned.

