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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2025 Immediately Following Special Meeting

Present were Tim Bullard, Clayton Whittemore, Ricky Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin, Michael Bourne, Marvin Whitcomb, Julie Gates, Alec Jones, Conrad Becker, Tasha Wallis, Seth Jensen

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:01pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Snake and Apple Liquor License will be addressed under 15c
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Michael Bourne came to discuss a possible private road on his land. Have decided to keep the 911 address to Cooper Hill.
5. LCPC: Tasha Wallis & Seth Jensen came in to discuss the goals that the selectboard would like for the Town of Eden. The draft map was discussed, they are going to make some changes and bring it back to the board for the final look.
6. Planning Commission Update: Alec and Conrad came in to talk with the town about chapters 1-5 in the Town Plan. The biggest change is in Chapter 5 which is the energy part. They will be coming to the next meeting with 2 more chapters for the board to review.
7. Beach Update: They did have one person that was in the first lottery that they have not been able to get ahold of. The board said should send a registered letter to ask him if he is still planning on coming. If we have not heard from him by May 26th, 2025 the site will then be available for them to rent out.
8. Health Officer Update: There were a couple of dog bite reports that are being handled by Faye Cochran and Matt Hill. One dog had to quarantine as the dog was not up to date on a rabies vaccine. Once the quarantine is done, they plan on rehoming the dog. The dog from the second report has had a rabies shot and the owner came in to register the dog.
9. Animal Control Update: Happened in combination with the health officer
10. Signed 6 orders.
11. Minutes: Review minutes for 4/17/25 and 5/22/25. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Clayton seconded. Motion was approved.
12. Highway Dept.:
    a) Permits: Tim motioned to approve overweight permits to town specs for Fred's Energy, R.L. Morin & Sons Construction, and Grimes Inc., Clayton seconded, motion approved. Ricky abstained from the vote as one was his own permit request. Ricky motioned to approve a right of way permit for Eden Congregational Church to town specifications with the right of way to be returned to original condition. Clayton seconded. Motion was approved. Ricky motioned to approve driveway permits for Scott Langlois and Tracey and Gary Morin to town specs. Clayton seconded; motion approved.
    b) Other- Ricky feels okay to pull the posted sign on East Hill on May 15th, 2025. The new truck should be done work this week with the new parts. Ricky is still communicating with Viking about how they plan on handling the situation. One truck is going to Charlebois to be fixed next week. They will start hauling the crushed gravel the last week in May or the first week in June. The sweeper will be coming up on June 9th.
13. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
14. Grant Update/Discussion:
    a) MERP Energy Grant- This grant will only cover the upgrades to this building not the addition. It will also not cover any windows as they were not listed as a priority as needing to be upgraded. Went over the list of things they would cover to see what they would like to use the grant for. They would like to get insulating the water pipes, a new AC unit and a new refrigerator to start off with. Will start looking into prices on those things to get them ordered.

b) Other- We received the structures grant for the engineering on Mary Deuso bridge as well as an MRGP grant for Blakeville road culvert and ditching. Tim signed the final approval for the ANC Greeter grant.

15. Other Business:
    a) Green Up Day- We have not received the bill for Casella yet for the disposal. Will touch base when it comes.
    b) Grand List Extension Request- Ricky motioned to approve the request for the extension. Clayton seconded, approved.
    c) Liquor/Tobacco License: Ricky motioned to approve both the Liquor/Tobacco licenses for Lake Eden General Store and the Snake and Apple, Clayton seconded. Motion was approved.
    d) The board reviewed the request from Rutland City citizen.
    e) Risk Management Assessment: We received some recommendation from our insurer, VLCT, on items needing to be addressed at the Town Office, Town Garage, and the Town Beach. The issues will be addressed.
    f) Other: Tim signed an appointment form Lamoille FiberNet for Carey Earle who was appointed on March 4th, 2025.
    The town addition was discussed and the selectboard talked about doing it in smaller steps. They are thinking they might start with getting the foundation and the shell up first and then find somebody this winter to finish the project.
16. Update on Vacant Positions: Bruce Shields emailed asking to be part of the Trustee of Public Funds. Tim motioned to appoint Bruce until the next Town Meeting. Clayton seconded. Motion approved. We have not had anyone interested in the auditor positions. The board feels we need to start reaching out to people to see if we can find someone to fill the positions until Town Meeting.
17. FYI:
18. Adjourn: Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:20pm. Ricky seconded the motion, adjourned.