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### SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

**December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 @ 6pm**

Present at Tim Bullard, Clayton Whittemore, Ricky Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin, Alec Jones, Kristina Brown, Dan Lathrop, Norm Patenaude, Kevin Earle, Leslie White, Alexander Chidiac.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:01pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: A citizen came in to ask if it would be possible for him to put a fence up at the town property on South Pond Road for his dog to be able to run off leash. The Selectboard would like to check with insurance company to see if there would be any liability to the Town before he proceeds.
4. Public Hearing on Eden Town Plan 2025-2033: Tim opened the public hearing at 6:10pm. Some changes were brought up to the Selectboard that should be made before they accept the Town Plan. Several changes will be made and a new public hearing will be scheduled prior to them approving the new town plan. Tim motioned accept the new draft of the town plan. Clayton seconded. Motion approved. Ricky motioned to come out of the public hearing at 6:42pm. Tim seconded. Motion approved.
5. Alexander Chidiac came to talk about the chance the town has received for planting three trees. He received an email from Branch out Burlington which is a non- profit out of Burlington with an opportunity for the town to get three free trees to be planted in the town where they can be shared with the community. The Selectboard will think of some places for the trees to be planted for this Spring. Alexander was able to get one of each of the following Red Maple, Basswood, Swamp Oak.

Skipped down to 10 a. and 10 b. to accommodate Norm Patenaude from Pike who was here for the BIDs on North Road. Three BIDS were received: Gray's Paving, All State Construction, and Pike. All three BIDs were opened in the meeting and compared to each other. Tim motioned to accept the BID from Pike. Clayton seconded. Motion approved. Pike was selected due to the price and previous work they have done with the town.

Eustis called earlier this week asking if we would like the check or they should be paying Pike directly, to fix the pavement on Knowles Flat Road. The Selectboard would like Eustis to work directly with Pike for payment. Norm will keep us in the loop if he does not hear from them.

Now moving back to the order of the agenda.

6. Animal Control Update: None
7. Health Officer Update: None
8. Four orders were signed.
9. Minutes: Review minutes of 11/25/25 & 12/3/25. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes for both 11/25/25 & 12/3/25 as written. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.

10. Highway Dept. Update:

- c. Other: Michie sent in the plans for the engineering on Blakeville. Ricky asked the Selectboard on their options about accepting the plans for the Engineering. The Selectboard was okay with accepting the plans. Ricky will reach out to Chad from Michie to let him know.

Ricky brought up the issues on Camp Road that are continuing. Melissa had asked the Selectboard questions about what they would like in the second letter that will be sent from the attorney. A video was shown to the Selectboard so they could see what was happening. They feel everything should be moved out of the right of way which would include the new fence, cement blocks, and the cars that are in the right of way. A letter will be sent to the resident this is concerning.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None

12. Grant Update/Discussion: Griggs Road paperwork has been submitted but just need to send the pictures to have it completed. The engineering for the bridge on Blakeville has been completed just waiting on the final information from Chad from Michie before Molly can start the paperwork part of the grant.

13. Other: Tim had broken down the original plans for the Town Office addition into three different parts for the Selectboard to review. The Selectboard will review the new documents created and start to come up with a plan.

14. FYI: Teach America How to Swim sent in the new contract for next year. There have been some big changes that have been made from last year. The section on liability has changed and the selectboard thinks we should have the lawyer review the contract before it is signed. Will look into this further at their next meeting.

15. Work on budget for 26-27/ Town Meeting Warnings: The Selectboard started working on the budget for the Town Report. They have selected to have a meeting next Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 5pm to continue working on the budget for 26-27.

16. Adjourn. Ricky motioned to adjourn at 8:36pm. Clayton seconded. Adjourned.