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SELECTBOARD AGENDA

January 13th, 2026 @ 6pm

Present were Tim Bullard, Clayton Whittemore, Ricky Morin, Matt Hill, Jared Lily, Joseph Lily, Kristina Brown, Dan Lathrop, David Green, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None at this time
4. Jared and Joseph Lilly Camp Road Survey discussion: They had some concerns over the letter that they received asking them to remove the items in the right of way. They were offered to look at the previous letters and the survey and they refused to take them or look at them.
5. Animal Control Update: None
6. Health Officer Update: None
8. Seven (7) orders were signed.
9. Minutes: Review minutes of 12/23/25: Clayton motioned to approve the minutes as written. Ricky seconded. Motion approved.
10. Highway Dept. Update:
 - a. Certificate of Mileage: Ricky motioned to sign the Certificate of Mileage. Clayton seconded. Motion approved and was signed.
 - b. Other: Ricky spoke how the sand pile has taken a bigger hit this year due to the ice storms. The 2024 Western Star has to go back down for warranty work as it does have a leak. Ricky also mentioned that the bucket on the loader should either be replaced or fixed. Clayton mentioned it would probably be best to just get a new one. Ricky will look into prices for a new bucket for the loader. They did receive several calls about a bus being off where the bus turns around which is not a town road. The selectboard has asked that a letter be sent to the bus company just letting them know that the town equipment can not pull them back onto the road. Ricky also asked that another letter be sent to a person parking their car in the town right of way.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
12. Grant Update/Discussion:
 - a. ANC Grant in Aid letter of support. Ricky motioned to sign the letter of support for the ANC Grant. Tim seconded. Motion approved and letter was signed.
 - b. Other: We are having problems getting the final approval for the Blakeville bridge engineering from the State of Vermont. Ricky will reach out to our state contact and see if he can get anymore information on why it is taking so long.
13. Other
 - a. 2025 Equalization Study Results: The Study was reviewed.

Skipping back to 3. Citizens Input: Dan Lathrop with his company Aero Drone Solutions has purchased a thermal drone in hopes to help the community out. He has been in touch with the local fire department but also wanted to let the town know in case they know of somebody in need.

Also skipping back to 7. Eden Youth Sports Committee: Tim motioned to go into executive session per VSA 313 a (3) to discuss the appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Ricky seconded. Motion approved. Invited were David, Kristina, Matt, Molly, and Melissa with David agreeing who was present. Executive session started at 7:00pm. Executive session ended at 7:17pm. No decisions were made. Clayton motioned to come out of executive session. Tim seconded. Motion approved.

Molly and Kristina were there to talk about fundraising opportunities. Ideas that had been brought up were a bottle drive and a bake sale/fundraiser during games or town meeting. Ricky also brought up that we could put a bucket in the gym with a sign for donations. The selectboard

was okay with those ideas just recommended staying away from hot food and asking for donations not a set price for the food that is homemade.

Molly and Kristina did ask if it was okay to spend money on the end of year awards for all the kids. We do have 13 6th graders so the plaques are a little more than what we have spent in the past. The selectboard said as long as it was for the kids we were okay to go ahead and spend the money to get the end of the year awards.

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- b. Teach America to Swim. The addendum needs to be signed by the company before the selectboard will sign the contract. They will sign the contract at the next meeting if it is signed.
 - c. Other: A tobacco alternative license was requested for Lake Eden Country Store. Tim motioned to approve the tobacco alternative license. Ricky seconded. Motion approved.
14. FYI: Vermont State Police sent their Annual Report for review.
 15. Office Addition talk. Will hold off on this until next meeting.
 16. Budget and Town Report and Warning: They reviewed the numbers sent in by the North Hyde Park/ Eden Fire Department, Newport Ambulance Service, and Lamoille County Sheriffs Department. Newport Ambulance Service will be coming to the next meeting if any questions are had about the budget the sent in. They will review the warning for the next meeting. The Town Report Dedication page has been written up and the board is okay with it. The Bullard Award will be read during Town Meeting.
 17. Adjourn. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:19pm. Ricky seconded. Motion approved, adjourned.