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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

March 24th, 2026 6pm

Present were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Scott Griswold, Faye Cochran, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:02pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Newport Ambulance Service Contract: Scott Griswold came in with some updates from the Newport Ambulance Service. Scott update the selectboard on how last years budget was and how many calls they responded to. Scott also mentioned some changes they have made to make response times quicker for residents. Ricky motioned to sign the Newport Ambulance Service contract with the budget amount approved at Town Meeting. Clayton seconded. Motion approved and the contract was signed.
5. Animal Control Update: Faye was here with an update. She had received multiple calls with complaints about loose dogs running on Route 100. Faye made contact with the owners who were supposed to go on Saturday to get rabies vaccines but they did not show up to the Eden Rabies Clinic. Faye told them they need to be registered by April 1st. Faye received another complaint up on Maple Lane. Faye was accompanied by the State Police for safety reasons. The owner was given a second warning and was told to register the dogs. One dog has been registered but the other is not up to date on rabies. Faye said she would make contact with the owner again about the second dog needing a rabies vaccine.
6. Health Officer Update: Faye spoke to the Selectboard about a report she received from the State of Vermont that The Lake Eden Country Store water has not been passing the water test. They have a notice that they can't boil the water either due to contaminates. Faye reached out to food and lodge who has now taken the case over.
7. Eden Youth Sports: Molly spoke on behalf of the Eden Youth Sports Committee about the up coming season. Sign-ups are done and it looks like we will only have a T-Ball team. At the next Selectboard meeting Molly will have better numbers on what needs to be spent to make T-Ball happen.
8. Beach:
 - a. Review applications for beach manager: Two applications were received for the beach manager position. The Selectboard decided to call the two people and conduct interviews. Ricky motioned to go into executive session per VSA 313 a (3) to discuss the appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Tim seconded: Executive session started at 6:46pm. Ricky motioned to come out of executive session at 6:58pm. Clayton seconded. No decisions were made.
 - b. Pick a Spring Lottery date: The Selectboard picked April 14th at 6pm for the Spring Lottery.

Going back to 8a. Ricky motioned to go into executive session per VSA 313 a(3) to discuss the appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee. Clayton seconded. Executive session started at 7:10pm. Tim motioned to come out of executive session at 7:26pm. Clayton seconded. No decisions were made.

Tim made the motion to send an offer letter to Jeff Foltz based on the interviews that were conducted in executive session. Clayton seconded. Once the job is accepted, a letter will be sent to the other person that applied thanking them for their time and interest.

- c. Information was received from the State of VT as well as VLCT on potential options for LERA uses if we are not able to continue operating as is. The

Selectboard is happy to know that there are options if we find ourselves unable to staff LERA.

- d. Other: None
9. Four orders were signed.
10. Minutes: Review minutes of 03/10/26: Ricky motioned to approve the minutes as written. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
11. Highway Dept. Update:
 - a. MRGP Annual Report: Ricky motioned to sign the MRGP annual report. Tim seconded. Motion approved and report was signed.
 - b. Overweight Permits: Clayton motioned to approve overweight permit to town specs Ethan Morrison- E.C Morrison Trucking & Excavating LLC, Barrett Trucking Co., Inc, Camp Precast Concrete Products, Inc, Pike Industries., Inc, Wind River Environmental, S.D Ireland, Dead River Company dba Bourne's Energy, Curtis Lumber Co Inc, Oil Supply Corp, Suburban Propane, and R.L. Morin & Sons Construction. Tim seconded. Motion approved. Ricky abstaining from the vote.
 - c. Other: Ricky had to take the 2024 Western Star down to Viking to have some more work done on it. The Town received a bill but it was not itemized. Ricky has made a couple of calls to Viking to try to speak with them about it before we pay the invoice. They have been grading to keep up with mud season but will hold off on more until after the rain comes this week. Ricky spoke with Norm and the paving for North Road is scheduled for mid-July.
12. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
13. Grant Update/Discussion:
 - a. Annual Financial Plan: Ricky motioned to sign the Annual Financial Plan for the grants. Clayton seconded. Motion approved and Financial Plan was signed.
 - b. Mary Deuso Engineering: We did get the Mary Deuso Engineering grant. We are okay to put that out to BID.
 - c. Other: Ricky motioned to sign the Letter of Intent to participate in the Municipal Road Grants-In-Aid program. Clayton seconded. Motion approved and Letter of Intent was signed.
14. Other
 - a. Liquor Licenses for Snake and Apple: Ricky motioned approve the liquor licenses for Snake and Apple. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
 - b. Green Up Day: We had received a couple of estimates from All Hooks and Services. Looking at last year it looks like we paid for the dumpster rental and then paid for the trash separately. The selectboard wanted to verify if it would work the same this year. They also would like to get a couple other estimates just to make sure we are getting the best possible pricing.
 - c. Request for Officer Number: Tim signed the request letter to get Faye an officer number for being a dog officer. This will allow her to issue tickets/fines.
 - d. Other: Melissa brought up that we have received an abatement request with a possibility of another one coming in. Melissa will try to schedule the hearing for 4/7/2026 at 6pm.
15. FYI: A letter from the town of Fairfield to the state legislature about Act 181 was reviewed.
16. Office Addition: Tim reworked the break downs for the office addition. Ricky thought it would be best for placing it out to bid separating the dirt work from the concrete. Tim will make those corrections and get something to Melissa to place in the paper by Monday.
17. Adjourn. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:45pm. Ricky seconded, adjourned.