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### SELECTBOARD MINUTES

**April 14th, 2026 6pm**

Present were: Tim Bullard, Clayton Whittemore, Ricky Morin, Melissa Whitcomb, Molly Morin, Mike and Kristi McKnight, Roxanne Johnson, Christine Callahan, Kassie Locke, Pam Uhlendorff, Johnna Uhlendorff, Hunter Uhlendorff, Faye Cochran, H. Bruce Burnor.

1. Tim opened the meeting at 5:59pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None.
3. Beach Lottery: The beach lottery was held. Bingo balls 1-4 were put into the bingo machine. Tim rolled the numbers as followed: 1, 3, 2, 4. Person that had envelope one was not in attendance so moved to the next number. Roxanne Johnson picked Lot 16, Mike and Kristi McKnight picked Lot 5, Christina Callahan who was envelope 1 showed up and was able to pick spot between what was left, she picked Lot 14. The fourth person was not in attendance they will be contacted to see if they would still like the open Lot.

Skipped to #5 citizen's input to accommodate Bruce Burnor. He came in to listen and figure out what is going to be happening with the beach. He might know somebody who would want to do the maintenance part if needed. Bruce was also here to ask some clarifying questions about the Town Addition with the ad he saw. If his brother-in-law doesn't put a bid in, he would be interested in over seeing the project if the selectboard would like a Clerk of the Works for the project.

Going back to the scheduled agenda.

4. Beach:
  - a. Beach Managers: Pam, Johnna, and Hunter were here to talk with the selectboard about a proposal to manage the beach. 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. Motion approved. Executive session started at 6:15pm. Tim motioned to come out of executive session stating no decisions were made. Clayton seconded it. Executive session ended at 6:36pm.
  - b. Other: Plumbing Solutions emailed an estimate for opening and closing the beach water system for the season. Ricky made the motion to accept the estimate from Plumbing Solutions for the 2026 season at the beach. He also sent an estimate for the repairs that will be needed in the future. They will hold off on the second estimate for now and will revisit it when it is needed. Melissa also asked if we should take the lawn tractor to be serviced. The selectboard decided that either the managers or someone from the selectboard will change the oil.

6. Animal Control Update:

Faye came into to update the Selectboard with the most recent dog issues she has been having. She did have to take two dogs that were running loose up on East Hill to the vet for vet care. She brought them to Lamoille Valley Veterinary Services where the Town of Eden has a contract. The older male dog did need some vet care and some medications. The younger female was just given a rabies vaccine. They then were placed in safe holding while the owner was contacted. The game warden was brought in due to the conditions of the older male dog. The owner had been contacted a number of times with no responses. The dogs were held for 10 days as stated in our policy. After the 10 days the female was signed over to a rescue to be rehomed and the older male stayed in the care of the foster that was holding on to them for the Town. Faye also had several complaints about a dog a Cooper Hill Road but she has talked with the land owner and it has now been corrected.

- a. Impoundment Fee: Faye asked the Selectboard to consider an Impoundment fee even if the dogs are picked up and brought to the Town Office for the day. Faye

will type up a proposal about possible impoundment fees along with fees for transporting to and from a kennel.

- b. Housing dogs- Faye mention they might want to think about adding a space for a kennel in the new addition if it continues the way it has been going. Right now, we do have a place that will take them if needed.
  - c. Officer Number paperwork: Tim signed the paperwork to get Faye an officer number to write tickets.
  - d. Other: None
7. Health Officer Update: None
8. Eden Youth Sports: T-Ball Price: Molly brought the print out of what was needed to be purchased for T-Ball. Ricky made the motion for them to go ahead and purchase what is need for T-Ball season. Tim seconded. Motion approved.
9. Seven orders were signed.
10. Minutes: Review minutes of 03/24/26 & 4/7/26: Ricky made the motion to approve the minutes are written. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
11. Highway Dept. Update:
- a. Overweight Permits: Ricky made the motioned to approve overweight permit to town specs for New England Quality Services, VT Outdoor Services, Austin Construction, Fred's Energy, CSE Inc, Vermont Well and Pump, Grimes Inc., Robert's Energy, QXO Inc, Vaillancourt Transportation, Consolidated Communications, Harrison Concrete, Harrison Redi-mix, Blow and Cote, Desrochers Inc. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
  - b. Driveway permit extension: Tracey Morin is asking for a driveway permit extension. Clayton motioned to give Tracey Morin a 1-year extension on her driveway permit. Ricky seconded. Motion approved.
  - c. Other: Tyler Manosh talked to Ricky and would like his driveway to be looked at by the Selectboard. Ricky is going to go up and take pictures to bring it back to the Selectboard for review. There is another driveway on Cooper Hill needing to be corrected but the landowners have not done so. He will also be touching base with Brandon Sheldrick about how he is coming on correcting his drive way.
12. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
13. Grant Update/Discussion:
- a. Milfoil and Greeter Grant: We did receive both the Milfoil and Greeter grants this year. A good standing certificate and risk assessment questionnaire were signed.
  - b. Other: Molly spoke to the Selectboard about how much they are willing to spend on the beach playground. They would like to keep it around the grant amount we were awarded and the required match. Molly also asked how they felt about a wooden structure. They felt it probably was not the best option and try to stick with the metal/plastic ones.
14. Other
- a. Liquor Licenses and Tobacco Licenses: Ricky motioned to approve the Liquor Licenses and Tobacco permits for AR Eden General Store Corp and Eden General Market LLC. Tim seconded. Motion approved.
  - b. Green Up Day: They compared last year to the year before for trash and tire recycling. It was a little cheaper to do what we did last year so will continue with All Hook and Services this year.
  - c. Trees that will need to be planted- Alexander Chidiac is picking up the trees this month and is willing to store them until they can be planted in the ground. Molly will verify with Alexander about how many trees we are getting. They are thinking to put them either down by the school in the open field or up by the beach.
  - d. Local Emergency Plan: Ricky made the motion to sign the Local Emergency Plan. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
  - e. Contract for Services: Ricky made the motion to sign the contracts for Arrowood and Taplin's Septic. Clayton seconded. Motion approved and contracts were signed.

- f. Delinquent Tax Policy discussion: Melissa had typed up some changes on the Delinquent Tax Policy. The information needed to be updated as things have changed. Starting next tax season, the town will no longer be accepting post marks as voted on at Town Meeting in March. Some of the wording also needed to be updated and clarified. Melissa proposed a slight change in adding that they also need to be paying on their current taxes as this was not clear one way or the other. Ricky made the motion to amend the Delinquent Tax Policy in order to keep up with the changing times. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
  - g. Other: Craig Kneeland and Christine Skarie called concerned about the tree that is on the town property but the limbs are starting to grow over their garage. The Selectboard would like to get the advice and an estimate, if necessary, from our Tree Warden, Alexander. The tree is a healthy maple and the Selectboard does not want it taken down if not needed. Molly will reach out to Alexander to get his take on it.

The town office received a call from a concerned resident about Act 181 and he would like the Town legislative body to write a letter against Act 181. Tim had already brought in a letter for review to be sent to the Legislatives in Montpelier against Act 181. Tim made the motion to send the letter to state representatives to show that we are against Act 181. Ricky seconded. Motion approved.
15. FYI: None
16. Office Addition: Tim will finish up the bid packets and get them to the office.
17. Adjourn. Tim made the motion to adjourn at 8:45pm. Ricky seconded, adjourned.