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SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 28th, 2026 6pm

Present were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Melissa Morin, Pam and Johnna Uhlendorff, Ryan and Cody Nolan, Kylee Ostrout

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Beach: Ryan, Kylee and Cody came to give an update on the dog bite that happened this weekend at the beach. Cody was riding his bike near the cars and a dog jumped at him and bit him twice. The owners of the dog left the premises before being identified but Johnna stated that she knows the vehicle and that they are there almost every weekend using a resident's pass. The plan is to identify the owners of the dog and get rabies certificate information. They are also to be informed that the dogs are no longer welcome at the beach. Cody is bruised but overall okay. Melissa M. wanted to confirm when she should stop taking reservations for the year and the Selectboard responded that regular camping ends October 1st. Seasonals can stay until October 15th, weather permitting. Ricky asked to confirm that they are doing head counts everyday so that they can gather information in case they look into leasing the property out. Melissa M. and Pam said yes, they were taking daily head counts.
5. Animal Control Update: Faye Cochran has been notified and is waiting to figure out who the dog's owner is on the dog bite that happened at the beach.
6. Health Officer Update: None
7. Eden Youth Sports: Soccer: Molly came with a request to order uniforms and supplies for soccer season for Eden Youth Sports. The committee would like to spend around \$1200 for supplies for soccer. The Selectboard said it was okay to go ahead and spend that amount given that they are in good financial standing. The sports paperwork has been changed to make it known that if they don't return the uniforms, they will responsible for the replacement cost. Molly also gave them a heads up that the shed is looking a little rough and we might need to look into a new solution on storing our equipment soon. The Selectboard recommended asking the school if they had an empty shed we could utilize instead. It was recommended that when Molly sends the follow up email about the shed and the bleachers, she includes the Selectboard so they can review it at the next meeting in case they need to step in to help us.
8. Four (4) orders were signed.
9. Minutes: Review minutes of 7/14/26: Ricky motioned to approve the minutes as written. Clayton seconded. Motion approved.
10. Highway Dept. Update:
 - a. Other: A resident from Lakeshore Drive spoke with Ricky about wanting to put a retaining wall in the Right of Way. Ricky recommended that it be back 16 feet from the center of the road. Ricky spoke with Bill Allen about road side mowing again this year and he told Ricky he would get back to him with a price. The highway crew has been working on de-berming on North Road to prepare for the paving. Ricky will be checking with Pike to see when they will be coming back to pave North Road. Ricky Morin has put in a permit asking to dig across the road to place a line for Fidium Fiber at his house. Tim motioned to approve Ricky's permit. Clayton seconded. Motion approved with Ricky abstaining.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: Tim motioned to ratify the addition from 7/14/26 for Julie Gates' resignation.
12. Grant Update/Discussion:

- a. Playground Grant update: Molly gave the update. The equipment has been ordered and we are waiting to hear back about shipping and when it is being delivered. Ricky asked what site prep needed to be done other than taking out the slide. Do we have to dig down and if so, how far? Molly will reach out to the company to get verification on what needs to be ready. Molly will also ask about a site visit before the work starts. It was brought up that the basketball hoop is in rough shape at the beach. Molly will look into getting a new one with this grant.
- b. MERP Grant: We still have money we need to spend with the MERP grant. We can get lighting and redo the ADA ramp. The Selectboard would like to put an ad in the paper asking for estimates on getting the ramp done.
- c. Other: Better Back Road applications will be due in October. It is time to start looking and decide if they would like to apply for anything this year.

13. Other

- a. Maple Tree on Town Land: An estimate along with a tree report from Alexander Chidiac was received. The Selectboard is concerned about the disclaimer on the bottom of his estimate and would like some clarification on it. We would also need proof of insurance but if he can prove that and we get clarification on the disclaimer they are okay with hiring him to remove the tree.
- b. Praneet Menon: He is running for Vermont State Representative and would like to place signs around town. The Selectboard recommends that if he is going to be putting them on lawns, he asks the land owner first. They also requested that once he is done with them, he goes around and picks them up.
- c. Tax sale update: The Selectboard reviewed the possible tax sale properties. They would like to add the North property on Shover Road to the possible tax sale.
- d. Other: VTEL Wireless sent a letter back appealing the grievance denial for the new state values of their communication properties. A stipulation agreement was proposed to bypass the BCA meeting which will result in an assumed denial based on statute. The Selectboard declined to sign the stipulation and instead would like to have a BCA meeting to do it appropriately. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 13th.
Tim cannot make it to the August 10th meeting. They opted to move the meeting to August 13th immediately following the BCA Meeting at 5:30pm. Clayton will not be able to make the August 25th meeting. Will discuss at the next meeting if they would like to change the date.

14. FYI:

- 15. Adjourn. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 7:48pm. Ricky seconded, adjourned.