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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

September 22, 2026 6pm

Present were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Melissa Morin, Alec Jones, Victoria Hellwig, Kristina Brown, Dan Lathrop Julie Gates, Colleen Brennan, Penni Rochette, Jeri Bergdahl, Christina Callahan

1. Tim opened meeting at 6pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: None
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Lake Eden Association: Colleen, Penni, and Jeri came with a milfoil update. Colleen provided some information and numbers regarding both the greeter and mitigation projects. Overall, the herbicide treatment so far has produced better results than expected. There was some new growth by the boat launch which they pulled by hand. Other than that, they didn't find milfoil in any other areas. They will still plan for a treatment next year just in case, as it is a very long process. If they don't really find many plants next summer, they will cancel treatment and pull by hand. The herbicide has made it manageable and they are able to use the other methods, whereas they could not keep up with hand pulling last year. Colleen also spoke about phosphorus and caffeine levels in the lake and the need for plants/trees, etc. as a barrier between the shoreline to help absorb nutrients before they enter the lake. They have been participating in programs to educate the homeowners in supporting good practices. Lake Shore Rd. was the number one contributor to nutrient runoff when the last watershed management plan was done in 2019. The Selectboard stated that Lake Shore Rd. continues to be a challenge in many ways because of the limited space between homes and the shoreline and lack of support from landowners to make necessary changes and allow space for proper maintenance. Colleen provided a letter support for each of the mitigation grants for next year and asked for the Selectboard signatures. Clayton motioned to sign, Ricky seconded, signed.
5. Lamoille Planning Commission: Alec Jones spoke about some grant money they secured and were looking for project suggestions. There are four categories and they are all pretty much flood mitigation planning. Eden doesn't really have a need for flood mitigation but Alec was willing to take notes if there were other projects needed that maybe he could find funding for. Victoria spoke about the MERP grant that we received and some possible ways to spend the remaining funds before the deadline of December 31st. With the addition project being stalled, we have money left that would have been used for insulation. We can still purchase the insulation if we have a place to store it until it is needed. There were a few other options that didn't really fit our needs. We do have the handicap ramp and steps that will be redone hopefully in the next few weeks and the grant will cover part of the cost of that. Alec and Victoria also found some potential funding to help cover the gap between cost and what we have set aside for the addition. They are going to get a little more info and hopefully apply for that in a few months.
6. Beach: Some changes to the rules were discussed in order to clarify some things and address a few issues we've had recently. There have been issues of underage drinking, campers who have left underage kids alone for hours or days in some instances, animals left unattended, misbehaving dogs with unknown owners, boats (motored) being left on the shore for days, etc. Some rates were adjusted to help cover expenses. The Selectboard talked about options for installing meters to charge electricity and limit wattage to each individual site. It currently costs roughly $2000 in electricity each month and we have had the electrician there several times due to tripped breakers and such. Melissa M. asked to speak in an executive session regarding employee matters and some sensitive issues with campers.

Tim motioned to enter executive session at 8:00pm pursuant to 1 V.S.A § 313(a)(3) to discuss the appointment, employment, or evaluation of public officers/employees. Invited were Melissa M, Melissa W. and Christina. Clayton seconded, approved. Tim motioned to come out of the session at 8:16pm with no decisions made, Ricky seconded, approved. The lottery date was set for the second meeting in October.

7. Animal Control Update: None
8. Health Officer Update: None
9. Grant Update/Discussion: Was mostly covered under LCPC. Melissa W. confirmed the Selectboard's requested response to Emily Porter-Goff regarding the Lake Shore Rd potential project from the last meeting. They are willing to proceed with a design as long as no commitment is required. The North Rd paving grant should be wrapped up soon once Molly submits the paperwork. The playground equipment should arrive at the beach in the next few days
10. Four orders were signed
11. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes of 9/8/26 as written, Clayton seconded, approved.
12. Highway Dept. Update:

    a) There were two R.O.W requests to install fiber on North Rd. and Knowles Flat Rd. After discussion, Tim motioned to approve and sign with the stipulation that the Road Commissioner will be present at the start of work, Clayton seconded approval to town specs, approved.

    b) They changed culverts last week and another was put in today all on White Road. They cut a lot of brush along the sides and Ryan did some grading. They worked at the beach yesterday removing the slide and prepping the site for the new play set. Ricky doesn't think they will get to the culverts on Blakeville Rd.

13. TO Addition: Ben Morin is waiting on a permit from the Fire Marshall and for us to order the material. Tim signed the previously approved contract for Morin Maintenance and Carpentry.
13. Other: Tim signed a previously approved quote for Small Town Tree Service to remove a large tree on town property. The disclaimer had to be changed from the previous version.
15. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 8:48pm, Ricky seconded, adjourned.