

Town of Eden
71 Old Schoolhouse Rd
Eden Mills, VT 05653

August 10, 2021 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on August 10, 2021. Present: Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage, Ricky Morin (arrived at 6:17pm), Candace Vear, Donna Whitcomb, Freeda Powers. Also present: Tyler Billingsley (East Engineering).

1. Open Meeting: Clayton opened the meeting at 6:15pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Bids received for Boy Scout Camp Rd.

The Board received and reviewed two bids for engineering on Boy Scout Camp Road. The bids received were:

East Engineering: \$25,000 plus \$100/hr. additional for ROW Easements as necessary.

Stone Environmental: \$50,605

Jubal made a motion to approve selection of the East Engineering bid for the Boy Scout Camp Road engineering project at a cost of \$25,000 plus \$100/hr. additional for ROW Easements as necessary. Ricky seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. The Board signed the bid as a contract with East Engineering. Freeda will notify both bidders of the selection results via email this week.

To accommodate those present, the Board went to Agenda item #9 next.

9. Office Staff Update: Candace indicated that she would like the Board to move to executive session. Ricky made a motion to enter into executive session under 1 V.S.A. § 313. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 and entered executive session at 7:00pm. The Board exited executive session at 7:28pm. Ricky reported that no decisions were made in executive session.

After some discussion, the Board agreed to offer a pay increase to the positions of Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer and Town Administrative Assistant. Jubal made a motion that upon hiring the new Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer that position as well as the position of Town Administrative Assistant will pay at a rate of \$18.50/hr. After a 90 day review period, that rate will move to \$19.00/hr. Vacation remains as stated in the Town of Eden's Personnel Policy. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

Returning to the Agenda:

3. Citizens Input: The Board reviewed an email from residents on Knowles Flat Road regarding free ranging chickens in the area. The Board requested Freeda to draft and send a response requesting the owners of the birds to contain their animals to their own property.

4. Sign orders: Five (5) orders were reviewed and signed.

5. The Board completed the outside auditor's Inquiries to the Board form at the request of KBS, the firm that is doing the town's audit. Freeda will submit the completed form to KBS this week.

6. Minutes: The Board reviewed the minutes of 7/27. Ricky made a motion to approve the minutes of 7/27/21 as amended. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

7. Assessor's Office Update: Due to the late hour, the Board tabled this discussion with Russ Beaudoin, Assessor, until their next meeting.

8. Dog Officer Update: Following up on the discussion from their previous meeting, 7/27/21, Freeda provided the Board with a print out of the process taken once a Civil Violation complaint, or ticket, has been issued. Those who receive a ticket are required to respond within 21 days by filing a plea of admitted, no contest, or denied to the VT Judicial Bureau.

10. Beach Update:

a.) Lifeguard Update: The current lifeguard will be able to continue working until Labor Day. The Managers Assistant, Johnna, will likely be fully certified to be a lifeguard at LERA by next season as well.

b.) Water Update: John Campagna of Plumbing Solutions was able to come to LERA on 8/4/21 to do a thorough inspection, including draining the tank and system cleaning. No major concerns were noted. Freeda has completed and submitted the Level 1 Assessment form to the State. Freeda will continue with required August testing as we await response from the State.

c.) Swim Lessons Update: Swimming lessons have begun for the 2021 season. We will have two consecutive weeks of lessons this year, August 2-6th and 9-13th. Freeda will work to secure dates for 2022 by the end of this month.

d.) Beach Managers Update: Freeda called Craig by phone for his update. Craig said there is nothing major to report; all continues to go busy and smooth at LERA this summer. At the recommendation of John Campagna, Craig has purchased several small fittings for the water connections, called hose connection vacuum breakers. These are installed on some outlets already, but are missing from others.

Freeda reported that Art Curcillo plans to do some removal of invasive phragmites at the beach area this coming week. The Board had no objection to this, so long as the invasive plant debris is removed from the site properly and thoroughly so as to avoid spreading it further.

11. FEMA & Grants:

a.) The Board continued its review of the contracts submitted by Stone Environmental for the upcoming FEMA funded projects on Blakeville Road (Bridge #13) and Paronto Road. Cost quotes at this time include soil borings, site visits, mileage, preliminary designs, permitting, construction ready design and over sight of procurement of construction contractor. Stone Environmental has confirmed in writing that the budgets for both projects as outlined in their respective contracts are firm and that no additional cost increases should be expected.

Clayton made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Stone Environmental for Blakeville Road Bridge #13 permitting, design and procurement of construction contractor at a cost of \$57,688. Ricky seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

Ricky made a motion to approve and sign the contract with Stone Environmental for Paronto Road culvert replacement, permitting, design and procurement of construction contractor at a cost of \$38,133. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

The Board signed both contracts. Freeda will scan them to Gabe Bolin this week.

b.) Albany Road project update: The upcoming culvert replacement project on Albany Road, part of ongoing FEMA clean up, has passed two of the three required permits within the State review. We have the OK from Stream Alterations and from Wetlands division; a 30 day review period has been triggered from the Army Corps of Engineers division as a result of the need to remove three trees at the project location.

c.) FY22 Grant in Aid Grant Agreement: The Board reviewed the grant agreement for the Grant In Aid for next year; the award amount is \$9,400 and will go towards work that improves hydrologically connected road segments. Clayton made a motion to approve and sign the FY22 Grant in Aid Grant Agreement. Ricky seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. Freeda will submit the signed grant agreement this week. The Board will consider project ideas for next year.

12. Road Commissioner's Report: Ricky reports that the grader is back up and running. They have been busy grading and putting down chloride. They have cleared some berms from East Hill Road. They've put some material down on Square Road as they prepare to do work under the Better Back Road grant award. Grant funded work on South Pond Road will begin closer to Labor Day.

13. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 7/27/21:

- a.) Under #13d: Permit Application East Hill Rd.
- b.) Under #13e: Permit Application Tree Farm Rd. (ct'd)
- c.) Under #15c: Job Application/Handy Man
- d.) Under #15d: Continue Zoom platform?

Ricky made a motion to approve the additions and deletions from 7/27/21, as listed above (#14a-d). Jubal seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

14. Other Business:

a.) Eden Historical Society response to logo use: The Board received a response from the Eden Historical Society indicating that they feel as a committee that the image of the sailboat on the lake which is on the signs entering Eden are the property of the EHS and should not be used on the Town website, advertisements, etc. Freeda has already worked to

remove the image from the website and will notify the newspapers to please remove it from ads we place. Freeda suggested the Board may consider having a town-wide logo creating activity or contest that would get the community engaged. The Board felt this would be a good companion idea to the recently presented Town green which Anne Ford brought to them. This could be something that is revisited at Town Meeting next year.

b.) Ricky said Sheriff Roger Marcoux, Jr. would like to meet with the Selectboard to discuss concerns and review problems in Lamoille County. We will work to coordinate to get him on a future agenda.

c.) The Board discussed alternative dates for their next meeting as one member will not be available on 8/24. The Board has agreed to 8/23 for their next regular meeting.

15. FYI: The Board received a copy of Land Use Permit Amendment 5L1209-6. This permit specifically authorizes a prescribed, extended, irregular shelterwood harvest.

16. Adjourn: Jubal made a motion to adjourn. Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

Minutes Approved as written on 8/23/21 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Jubal Durivage.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant