

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

May 24, 2022 Selectboard Meeting

The Eden Selectboard met at the Town Office on May 24, 2022. Present: Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, Candace Vear, Freeda Powers. Also present: Scott Griswold (NEMS).

1. Open Meeting: Ricky opened the meeting at 6:00pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda:
 - a.) Under #12a: LFCUD: Letter of Resignation & update
 - b.) Under #12b: FEMA
 - i. Blakeville Rd. BR13 proposed Value Engineering change
 - ii. Fed Share change 75% to 90% & State Share change 7.5% to 3%
 - c.) Under #12c: ARPA: Discuss spending plan and/or set special meeting to discuss?
 - d.) Under #13c: Town Office closed at 11:00 on 5/26/22 for training

To accommodate those present, the Board moved to Agenda Item #4.

4. NEMS 2022-2023 Ambulance Service Contract: Scott Griswold presented the contract for ambulance services to Eden which was approved at town meeting for signature. Tim made the motion to sign the contract for NEMS 2022-2023 ambulance service in the amount of \$55,621.00. Clayton seconded the motion. Approved and signed. Scott will return a copy of the original contract once all participating towns have signed. Scott also mentioned that the new standing seam metal roof is complete and paid for with funds from COVID relief money.

Returning to the Agenda:

3. Citizens Input: None at this time.
5. LCSD '22-'23 Contracts:
 - a. 911 Coverage: The Selectboard reviewed the contract. The contract is \$29,826.00 for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.
 - b. Emergency Response: The Selectboard reviewed the contract. The contract is \$66.30/hr. plus associated costs for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Clayton made the motion to sign the 911 and Emergency Response '22-'23 LCSD contracts. Approved and signed.

6. Sign orders: Six (6) orders were reviewed and signed.

7. Minutes: Ricky made the motion to approve the minutes of 5/10/22 as amended and the minutes of 5/17/22 as written. Clayton seconded the motion. Approved.

8. LERA Update: Craig reports that the mower is back from being repaired so LERA is looking good. The lifeguard starts work on Saturday, May 28th. The swim rope goes in the water on Wednesday along with a few other things getting finished for summer use. They are getting ready for a great opening weekend and are booked almost to capacity; far more people than they had at this time last year. Freeda reports that the May drinking water test has passed.

9. Road Commissioner's Report:

a.) The Board discussed the driveway permits reviewed on their 5/17 site visits. Clayton made a motion to approve and sign the following driveway access permits: Ben Porter, Sawyer and Judi Alberi, Derek Griggs, Nicholas and Stephanie Tetreault. Tim seconded the motion. Approved and signed. Applicants that did not receive final approval at the 5/17 site visit will be notified of comments from the Board.

b.) Excess Weight Permits: The Board received two excess weight permits for review. Ricky made a motion to approve to town specs, excess weight permits for the following applicants: Brian W. Stearns and Consolidated Communications. Tim seconded the motion. Approved and signed.

c.) Highway Dept. Update: Ricky reports that they have rented a sweeper but are waiting for repairs to be completed on it. The Highway Department has been applying chloride to the dirt roads to keep the dust down. Ricky also reports that VASA (ATV) trail riders have installed a culvert on Shover Road where they are accessing the town roadway. The culvert has been installed improperly and without the required access permit. Additionally, he noted that the VASA trails have no signage for riders when they are entering the town roadway. This is a major safety concern and should be addressed by the VASA group. Ricky also reports that there is an individual inquiring on purchase of four steel beams owned by the Town, from Tree Farm Road, and asked for the Board's input. The Board had no objection, so long as it is clearly noted on the invoice/receipt that it is sold as scrap metal. Ricky reports ongoing concerns on Camp Road continue.

10. Personnel Policy review (ct'd): The Board continued their review of the Eden Personnel Policy. Their changes and input will be noted and the review will continue at a future meeting.

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions of 5/10:

- a.) Under 15c: Excavation Permit on Square Rd.
- b.) Under 15d: Excess Weight Permit for Blue Collar Septic Services, LLC.
- c.) Under 18: VLCT response to funds to Church
- d.) Under 18: Greeters as town employees

Ricky made a motion to ratify the additions and deletions from the May 10, 2022 meeting as listed above in #11 (a-d). Tim seconded the motion. Approved.

12. Other Business:

a.) LFCUD: The Board received a letter of resignation from the LFCUD Board from Damien DeClerck. Freeda provided the Board with the most recent updates on the LFCUD's work to bring broadband to the region. Information on the LFCUD can be found on the town's website for members of the public. Eden is still seeking additional residents to hold positions on this board.

b.) FEMA:

i. The selected Contractor (CCS) has offered to replace the proposed bridge surface (concrete topping slab, as designed by DeWolfe Engineering) with a 3" bituminous pavement surface to be placed on the precast slabs. Their rationale for this modification is that it would 1) save contract money (~\$15,000), and 2) provide more assurance of project completion, as CCS is concerned about concrete availability in late fall of this year. To execute this option, the Schedule of Items would be modified and the Board reviewed and discussed those proposed changes. Tim made a motion to decline the proposed changes to Blakeville Road BR13 and to move forward with design plans as bid upon. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0.

ii. The Board received notice that due to the change in the Federal share from 75% to 90%, the State share portion will also change 7.5% from to 3%; final cost and reimbursement numbers will be recalculated to reflect this change.

c.) ARPA: The Board discussed allocation of ARPA funds. Tim will reach out to Leslie regarding town office draft design plans. Candace reports that she has begun receiving invoices that the ARPA funds could cover (i.e. computer replacement); Candace, Beth and Freeda will phone conference with VLCT to get clarification on the spending process. This discussion will continue at their 6/7/22 meeting.

13. FYI:

a.) ACT 250 Application 5L0873-1B-1 to merge lots in a subdivision: Manosh Properties, LLC.

b.) VT Government Transparency Training Opportunity happening on 5/25/22.

c.) The Eden Town Offices will be closing for the day at 11:00 on 5/26/22 for training.

14. Adjourn: Tim made a motion to adjourn. Clayton seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Minutes Approved as amended on 6/14/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant