

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

Minutes of Special Selectboard Meeting
December 20, 2022

The Eden Selectboard attended a special meeting on December 20, 2022 at the Eden Town Office at 5:00PM. Present at the meeting were, Selectboard: Ricky Morin (Chair), Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard, and Freeda Powers (Eden Admin. Assistant).

The meeting began at 5:10PM. The purpose of this special Selectboard meeting was to review an agreement between construction firm CCS and the Town of Eden for completion of Blakeville Road bridge #13 replacement and to discuss the 2023 culvert replacement project planned for Paronto Road. The agreement between CCS and the Town of Eden for the Blakeville Road bridge project incorporated changes requested by the Selectboard. The final invoice from CCS for this project will be released this week, allowing us to fulfill the FEMA obligation to submit expenses by Dec. 31st for reimbursement. Per the agreement, remaining work to be done, including additional paving, flattening of the bridge deck approaches, ground work (topsoil, seeding) and guardrail details will be done at no additional cost to the Town in early 2023. Tim made a motion to approve and sign the Blakeville Road Bridge #13 agreement between CCS and the Town of Eden, itemizing details of the project to be completed at no additional cost to the Town in 2023. Clayton seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0. The Board authorized release of payment for the final CCS invoice in the amount of \$74,072.00. Freeda will send the agreement to all parties and begin the process of gathering all documents required for final submission of this large FEMA funded project.

The Board went on to discuss the 2023 culvert replacement project planned on Paronto Road. Both of these large projects are FEMA funded as a result of the October 31, 2019 storm event. Both projects have been awarded to the engineering firm Stone Environmental, with Gabe Bolin as the lead and primary contact and CCS as the construction team with Avery Cochran as the lead and primary contact. The Board received an email from Gabe Bolin, indicating he will be leaving Stone Environmental at the end of this year. Branden Martin, who has been involved with the Blakeville Road project and is up to speed on the status of Paronto Road, will assume day-to-day management of the project into 2023. The Board would like to take this opportunity to refresh communications between all parties, the Town, Engineers and Construction team. The Board requested a meeting of all parties prior to the start of work on the Paronto Road site to clarify expectations. Specifically, the Board wants to communicate that the finished quality of work needs to be better on the part of CCS, and proper project management on the part of Stone Environmental is paramount. The Board would like to see regular progress reports on the Paronto Road project and

communication between the project managers and the Town Highway Department/Road Commissioner. Freeda will coordinate this prior to work beginning in 2023.

The Board briefly reviewed costs to date on the Blakeville Road Project, noting that both contracted firms have gone over their budget. They requested an explanation from CCS and Stone Environmental on where those overages occurred.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40PM.

Minutes Approved as written on 12/27/22 by Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Tim Bullard.

Freeda Powers, Town Administrative Assistant