

# EDEN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

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Meeting held at Town Office at 6pm

SELECTBOARD MINUTES

**05/28/2024**

Present were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Darlene Creighton, Bonnie Britz, and Colleen and Vinny Brennan

1. Tim opened the meeting at 6:03pm
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Colleen Brennan has been added for 6:30pm to talk about herbicide meeting.
3. Christine Skarie did not make it to the meeting. She had wanted to discuss the lot across from the beach where the old manager cabin is.
4. Citizens Input: Bonnie Britz came to the meeting with concerns regarding the condition of Lake Shore Road. She stated that there have been several large trucks/heavy equipment traveling through to get to Pine Grove Lane where they are working on a property. Bonnie is concerned with the large divots in the road and the possible erosion of the shore line due to the width and weight of these vehicles. She asked if the town could limit the weights allowed. Ricky explained that there are already limits in place and that trucks need to apply for overweight permits for permission otherwise. Bonnie also talked about some large potholes that have been there a while. Ricky stated that the highway crew hasn't been able to get in there with the grader due to property owners not maintaining a clear path in the right of way as required. He is going to drive over in the morning to see the condition of the road and if anything can be done in the short term. He recommended that she contact Peter Danforth regarding possible erosion control in that area.
5. Beach Update: None
6. Animal Control Officer Update: Matt Hill continues to fill in as the Dog Officer and address concerns with loose and/or unlicensed dogs. It does appear to be helping as more people are coming in to register after he has had contact with them.
7. Health Officer Update: None
8. Signed Orders (6)

At this time, Colleen spoke regarding the planned meeting on 6/8/24 to be held from 10am-noon at the Eden Central School. The Lake Eden Association has lined up four speakers to give information and answer questions regarding the potential use of herbicides to treat milfoil. This is not something for the immediate future, they are trying to plan ahead as the process to get permits can be long and there is an area near the boat launch that they are not able to treat with the current methods available to them. Without being able to treat this section, it is impossible to eradicate it from the lake. They invite everyone to join the meeting and ask questions to address any concerns people may have.

9. Minutes: Reviewed minutes of 5/14/24. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes as written, Clayton seconded, approved.

10. Highway Department Update:

a) Overweight Permits: Ricky motioned to approve overweight permits for Bakemark USA and A&D Excavating/Blue Collar Septic. Clayton seconded the motion, approved and signed.

b) Other: The Highway Department is still waiting on a sweeper that was scheduled to arrive more than two weeks ago. It is not known at this time when it will be here and there aren't any available to rent elsewhere. In the meantime, they have been working on cleaning up the Right of Way through town with the help of a mulcher that was rented. They are not mowing the knotweed which is very invasive and quickly spreading in the ditches along many roadways.

Melissa Whitcomb, Approved Minutes

11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None

12. Grant Update: VTrans denied funding the three small projects that were applied for. We will try again next year to get funding. Ricky mentioned potentially using the \$60000.00 from the Paving and Structures Fund to complete some of the planned work.

13. Other Business:

a) Delinquent Tax Policy Review: The policy was adjusted and now states that anyone delinquent by one year and not on an active payment plan that is being adhered to, is subject to tax sale and that payment plan agreements shall ensure that taxpayers are not delinquent more than one year. Clayton made the motion to approve, Tim seconded, approved.

b) Fire Department Equipment Request: A request for tools for the newest fire truck was revisited. The Fire Department is asking Eden to pay half of roughly \$45000 worth of tools that were not in the budget. Melissa will speak to Brent Lanpher and discuss the use of FD Equipment Reserve money.

c) Office Addition Update: Clayton is going to set up an appointment to have the Fire Marshall come check out the building so the design will include any potential requirements. He will let Melissa know but is planning on either next Monday or Thursday.

14. FYI: Ricky checked out the area on Parsonage Road that Kurt Salvas proposed changes to. There are concerns about the amount of space that the town trucks will have to turn around.

15. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, Ricky seconded, adjourned.