

**TOWN OF EDEN**  
**71 Old Schoolhouse Road, Eden Mills VT 05653**  
**Minutes for the Selectboard Special Meeting**  
**March 4, 2025 Immediately following Annual Town Meeting**  
Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore,  
Melissa Whitcomb and Leslie White

1. Open Meeting. Tim opened the meeting @ 11:57 am.  
The board moved to #9 on the agenda to accommodate Colleen and Vinny Brennan and asked them to give an update on Lake Eden, the Greeter program and the Eurasian Water Milfoil. Colleen stated that there are 3 grants in the works for 2025. A Greeter grant from ANC, a grant for milfoil from the Lake Champlain Basin Program (LCBP) applied for through the town and an additional grant for milfoil mitigation applied for through the Lake Eden Association. If received, these grant funds would cover the cost of the 2025 initiatives. With federal funding possibly in question, there are possible alternatives with State of Vermont money and fund-raising efforts through the Lake Eden Association (LEA). Arrowwood has been hired to create a 5 years plan for milfoil management. LEA is part of the Federation of Lakes and Ponds which encompasses other people using herbicide to control invasive water species. The Lake Eden Association has applied for a permit to use herbicide through the State of Vermont but even if the permit is approved, there are still many steps in the process before any application could be administered in 2026. The targeted areas are at the north end of the lake near the state fishing access and although that shallow area is the most concerning in terms of spread of the milfoil, the state has very strict parameters on how mitigation can proceed. Lake George in New York also has an infestation of invasive species and in that situation, the state has gone ahead with herbicide applications with their Lake Association not in full agreement. The Lake George Association is closely monitoring the health of the ecosystem and the quality of the drinking water which may provide a balance of perspective regarding herbicides in the water as Eden moves forward.
  2. Reorganization of the Selectboard: Clayton motioned to go into executive session at 12:33 pm, Tim seconded. Executive session ended at 1:12 pm. No decisions were made.
    - a.) Chairperson. Ricky motioned to appoint Tim as chair. Clayton seconded. Tim will be acting as chair.
  3. Appoint the following officers:

<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a.) Delinquent Tax Collector</li><li>b.) Fence Viewers</li><li>c.) Dog Officer</li><li>e.) Emergency Management Director/Coordinator</li></ol> <p>Tim motioned to appoint the above 6 residents to the corresponding positions. Clayton seconded. Agreed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>d.) Inspection of Wood &amp; Timber</li><li>f.) Tree Warden</li></ol> <p>Ricky motioned to appoint Alex to the 2 positions above. Clayton seconded. Agreed</p>	<p><u>Newly Appointed</u></p> <p>Melissa Whitcomb</p> <p>Michele Cardinal</p> <p>Jubal Durivage</p> <p>Adam Degree</p> <p>Matt Hill</p> <p>Jeffrey Hunsberger</p>
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  4. Town Service Officer H. Bruce Burnor
  5. Health Officer Faye Cochran  
Ricky motioned to appoint the residents to the 2 positions above. Clayton seconded.
  6. Committee Appointments
    - a.) Transportation Advisory Committee Ricky Morin  
Clayton motioned to appoint Ricky. Tim seconded. Agreed.
    - b.) Transportation Advisory Committee "Alternate"
    - c.) Sheriff's Dept. Advisory
    - d.) Newport Ambulance Advisory
    - e.) Eden Youth Sports Committee

	<p>Kristina Brown</p> <p>Dan Lathrop</p> <p>Trevor Bidwell</p> <p>Open Position (2)</p>
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- Leslie White, scribe
- Approved Minutes

Ricky motioned to re-appoint the 3 residents above temporarily until the Selectboard can meet in person at a selectboard meeting with all parties that are interested in serving on the sports committee. After legal consultation regarding the proper way that municipal committees need to operate, the selectboard is suspending the existing Eden Youth Sports Committee bylaws that were signed by the then selectboard in 2011 until further research can be done and a new policy for committees can be adopted. Clayton seconded. Agreed. Melissa was asked to contact the 3 current members to inform them as well as the newly interested parties.

f.) Eden Planning Commission

Kristina Brown  
Dan Lathrop  
*Open Position (3)*

Ricky motioned to re-appoint the 2 members of the committee. Tim seconded. Agreed.

g.) Eden Energy Committee

Craig Kneeland  
Matthew Mitchell  
*Open Position (3)*

Tim motioned to re-appoint the 2 members of the committee. Ricky seconded. Agreed.

h.) LFCUD (Broadband)

Carey Earle

Ricky motioned to appoint Carey for the position. Clayton seconded. Agreed.

7. Set time and date of regular Selectboard meetings. Ricky motioned to maintain the same schedule for the selectboard meetings. Regular meetings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month starting at 6:00 pm at the Eden Town Clerk's Office. Tim seconded. Meetings times remain the same.
8. Authorization to process and sign checks prior to Selectboard approval. Ricky motioned to approve. Clayton seconded. Agreed.
9. Any other business.
  - a.) Letter of Support for Greeter Grant. Ricky motioned to sign the letter of support. Tim seconded. Letter was signed.
  - b.) Other. Spring posting of the roads in town was discussed and a draft posting will be reviewed at the next meeting. Discussion on Lake Eden was addressed above at the beginning of the meeting.
10. Adjourn. Clayton motioned to adjourn at 1:24 pm. Ricky seconded. Meeting adjourned.