

EDEN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

71 Old Schoolhouse Road

Eden Mills, 05653

SELECTBOARD Unapproved Minutes

March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 pm

Present at the meeting were Tim Bullard, Ricky Morin, Clayton Whittemore, Melissa Whitcomb, Leslie White, Hannah Speer, Ryan Speer, Erin Niles, Justin Niles, Kristina Brown, Dan Lathrop, Bryce Niles, Trevor Bidwell and Holly Oldham.

1. Open Meeting. Tim opened the meeting at 6:03 pm.
2. Additions and Deletions to the Agenda: Liquor License for the Snake and Apple was presented to the board under a different LLC name operated by Holly Oldham and her husband. The restaurant is to reopen with both sides of the building to be used to serve food with the new liquor license covering both spaces.
3. Citizens Input: None
4. Eden Youth Sports: The Facebook page that is currently active is in question as to how it represents the Town of Eden and if it is the best way to disseminate information moving forward. Tim reiterated to all those present that due to consultation with the town lawyer, the existing bylaws for Eden Youth Sports Committee (EYSC), signed by the selectboard at the time in 2011 have been suspended. The existing 3 committee members were appointed temporarily at the special selectboard meeting on March 4, 2025 so that there is continuity for the kids now involved in EYSC. The selectboard will work on drafting a policy to replace the bylaws. Some interested potential committee members chose to wait to talk to the selectboard until a new policy is created before meeting with the board. Parties interested in joining/remaining on the committee and chose not to wait until the new policy is drafted will briefly speak to Selectboard regarding their interest. Tim made the motion to go into executive session according to 1 V.S.A § 313 (a) (3) to discuss the appointment, employment, or evaluation of a public officer or employee, inviting Melissa, Leslie, and Molly, as well as one person at a time for interest in Eden Youth Sports. Clayton seconded. Executive session started at 6:17pm. Executive session ended at 6:57 pm. The board did conduct 4 interviews. No decisions were made.
5. Beach Update: Set Spring Lottery Date is set for April 8, 2025 at 5:00pm with the regular selectboard meeting to immediately follow.
6. Health Officer Update: A resident was bitten by a raccoon and is proceeding with the series of rabies shots. An issue with an apartment was redirected to the State.
7. Animal Control Update: None
8. Sign orders. Five orders were signed.
9. Minutes: Review minutes of 2/25/25 & 3/4/25. Clayton asked for a correction on the 3/4/25. Ricky motioned to approve the minutes with the correction. Clayton seconded. Minutes approved.
10. Highway Dept.:
 - a) Overweight Permits: Lily Transportation, Pike Industries, N.A.Manosh, Saveatree Arborist, S.D. Ireland, VT Outdoor Services, and Wind River Environmental. Ricky made the motion to sign the overweight permits to town specifications. Clayton Seconded. Approved.
 - b) Posting of Roads. Tim made the motion to post the spring roads. Ricky seconded. The roads will be posted.
 - c) Other. Certification of Road and Bridge Standards, the Annual financial Plan for Highways and paperwork related to MRGP need to be signed. Tim motioned to proceed. Ricky seconded. All paperwork was signed.
11. Ratify Additions and Deletions: None
12. Grant Update/Discussion: There are 3 highway grants that are due in April that the office is still waiting for material and paving estimates before they can be submitted.
13. Other Business:
 - a) Green Up Day Discussion
 - b) Schedule a Board of Civil Authority Meeting. A meeting is scheduled for 5:15pm on April 8, 2025.
 - c) Complaint about leveling of snowbanks on Warren Road
 - d) Review of post card for reappraisal notice. The board reviewed the wording on the postcard to be sent out proposed by the town assessor in preparation of the state mandated reappraisal that will start later this year and will be completed by 2026. Postcards are expected to be sent out in batches as the assessor works his way around the town. Ricky made the motion to sign the contract for Appraisal Resource Group. Clayton seconded. The contract had been approved at a previous selectboard meeting but the contract had not yet been signed.
 - e) Certificate of Approval for Jewett's Salvage & Auto. Ricky motioned to sign the 5 year permit. Clayton seconded. Certificate was signed.
14. Adjourn. Clayton motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Ricky seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Leslie White, scribe

Approved minutes