

Town of Edgecomb
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
January 03, 2017

Present: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, (Selectmen), Jessica Hicks (Secretary)

Pledge of Allegiance:

Minutes: The meeting minutes for 12/5 and 12/19 were voted on and approved by selectmen.

Board of Selectmen Secretary Welcomed: Jessica Hicks was officially welcomed as the new Board of Selectmen Secretary.

New Budget Committee Member: Mike made a motion to appoint Joe McSwain as a new Budget Committee Member and Ted seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Joe was given a formal introduction to the budget committee then gave a brief overview of his qualifications. Next budget committee scheduled to meet 01/09/17 at 5pm. This meeting is open to the public. Deficit figures to be reviewed. Town is looking for a 5-10% reduction overall to avoid hikes in taxes, needs to be as tight as possible. School budget 5% over planned expenditures due to loss of state revenue - beyond their control. Budget plan to be presented, voted on at meeting, then determine a starting point. Sub-group meetings scheduled over the next 8-10 weeks, Cherie sent plan. Claudia will advise if committee needs to be reviewed.

Ted Berry Report on Sewer: Report of sewer line inspection is complete. Hydraulic Conduit Cameras were used to determine the overall condition of the sewer lines from the Eddy Rd to Wiscasset. Maintenance best practices were also given. Polypigs inspected on satellite roads of the 3 sewer systems which compose the Sheepscott Village. Assessment was deemed "Very adequate, near perfect." Routine cleaning was recommended every 5 years. Maintenance plan was well defined. Job was completed over the course of 4 days, Scott Griffin helped with job oversight. Total bill was \$21,000 which Wiscasset Water Commissioner says is "A very good price." Ted Berry did excellent work and comes highly recommended.

Hammond Fund Request: Fire Department has requested funds from the Hammond Fund to pay for a new Flag Pole. Available funds have yet to be determined, but are expected at final budget meeting. Town would like to allocate additional monies toward the fabrication of a plaque, dedicated to the new Fire Department building which will be engraved with names of all people involved in the project. Historical Society is also requesting money from the fund to support the development of their non-profit organization. If funds are determined to be adequate, the town would like to move on disbursement ASAP. Answer expected by next meeting.

Issue of Moratorium: Tabled

Meeting with Fire Department: Tabled

Website Update: Janet Blevin and Don Kritzale have been the principle Web Admins for the town website. Larry Omland and Jack Brennan suggested changes regarding Residence Notifications. Topics brought forth include Outbound Emailing of Emergency Status Updates (weather advisories, CMP outages, road conditions, etc). Emergency contact numbers were also brought up with a request that alternate phone numbers for Fire and other emergency responders be listed. Janet Blevins will provide insight on suggestions and timelines for

implementation. Ted recommended some form of survey be sent to area residents requesting input. Funding for changes will need to be discussed and added to budget agenda.

Warrants: Mike made a motion to review and approve the following warrants and Ted seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. General Warrant #14 for \$115,459.07, Bills of 2 Week Period - \$31,755.61 to School Budget, \$30,570.17 for School Payables.

Public Comment: Larry Omland talked with Scott Griffin about the bad runoff on Cross Pt Rd. Ice dams have created huge pot holes which are now a safety concern for traffic. Need to define an ordinance highlighting who is responsible for drainage ditches. If a culvert is placed on private property, should the owner be responsible for maintenance? Who will keep the culverts free of debris and ensure proper water flow? Also, who will install the culverts, town?

Adjourn: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM and Ted seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor.