

**Town of Edgecomb**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**March 13, 2017**

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

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

**Review minutes from previous meetings:** Minutes from 02/27/17 were reviewed and voted on. Jack made a motion to approve the minutes and Mike seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor.

**Lincoln County Regional Commission:** Request was made to survey the Laliss Property to determine sellable land potential. 82 acres are now owned by town with 4-8 acres possibly available for sale. This will end up being 2-4 new house lots. The remainder of the land will go to conservation property and will be used to connect the Schmidt Preserve to the Zach Preserve. These added miles will make the River Link Trail the longest trail in Lincoln County and one of the longest in Maine. Lallis property was acquired through a tax lien. Karl Olsen will do a depth study on the property at a cost of \$2400 for the engineering survey. Feedback expected in 6 weeks. If deemed feasible, this will be very valuable for the town, potentially lessening the tax burden by \$50,000-\$100,000. More research will need to be done to determine road frontage requirements for house lots, believe there must be 200 ft/lot. Mike made a motion to sign a Tentative Proposal and Ted seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor, signed. Bob Leone, Schmidt Preserve, will also sign.

**Report From William Brewer:** Report from William Brewer received. \$8500 audit done by mid year (1 Oct). Ted made a motion to approve and Mike seconded. Vote 3-0 in favor, signed.

**Spirit of America Award:** Don Krauss to be recognized for his work on the town website. Award to be presented at Town Meeting.

**Town Reports:** All reports for the Annual Town Report need to be submitted to the printing firm no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>. Committees are on track to meet that schedule.

**Floating House Boats:** Public Hearing for Floating House Boats held March 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7:00 at the Edgecomb Town Hall. Follow up meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Supplemental Tax Assessment Court Order:** Final Judgement was received from the District Court to move forward with adding a supplemental assessment to the Timothy Stephenson and Stephenson Marine Trust for attorney fees and costs associated with the establishment of a junkyard without proper permits. Additional Assessment will be in the sum of \$13,591.40. If

payment is not received within 18 months, town has the right to foreclose. This would put a lien on the property through June of 2018 and a foreclosure date of Dec 2019 if not paid. Jack made a motion to follow the Order & Judgment as presented by attorney Dale to add a special assessment by April 1<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \$13,591.40 to the Stephenson property for attorney fees and costs and Mike seconded. Vote 3-0.

**CVR Equipment Donation:** Obsolete voter registration equipment offered for donation to the town to use as we see fit. Items donated include a laser printer, scanner, bar code scanner, label printer, fax, phone, capability switch, privacy screen, booth, etc all in near perfect condition. Scanner does not work with new CVR system, state is working on a fix. Jessica agreed to help with the upgrade. Jack made a motion to accept the donation and Ted seconded the motion. Vote 3-0, signed, move to accept donation.

**Maine Forest Service:** Maine forest service scheduled to meet with Schmidt Preserve and the regional forest manager in April.

**Fire Department Plowing:** Concerns for snow removal at the fire station continue. Scott Griffin told selectmen that equipment was on the way, that particular storm was extreme and out of the ordinary. Roy stated that he had to bring in outside equipment to assist with snow removal. Selectmen feel that Roy should have communicated directly with Scott, not them, which Roy says he did. Selectmen feel that Town Meeting is not the correct avenue to voice concerns with plowing. Roy states that he is being proactive, not reactive, and that he will not be held accountable if there is a fire that he cannot get his trucks to because he can't get into the fire house. Roy will follow up with road commissioner.

**State Representatives Invited to Edgecomb:** Stephanie Hawk and Dana Dow have been invited to Edgecomb to discuss state revenue. This will be a huge impact on the town if we can get additional funding. Meeting scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Warrants:**

General Warrant Total	\$264,244.57
School Payroll	\$31,332.73
School Retirement	\$7,490.32
School Payables	\$87,077.86
Waste Water	\$1,580.00

Mike made a motion to sign the above warrants and Jack seconded. Vote: 3-0 in favor.

**Marijuana Moratorium:** Economic Development Committee interested in working with South Port on Marijuana Ordinance. Comprehensive plan needs to include sales and growing

provisions. State may already have overlapping laws. There was an extensive discussion about bringing moratorium to town meeting.

### **Recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:00**

### **Return from Special Town Meeting at 7:25**

**Motion for Follow Up Town Meeting:** Claudia will process special town meeting scheduled for March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. Mike made motion to move forward with follow up special town meeting and Jack seconded. Vote 3-0, signed.

### **Public Comment:**

Tom Abello has been talking with Allan Dodge about a property he has for sale. Tom walked the property and thinks it would be viable for public access. Allan's realtor would like the town to make an offer. Property is approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre. Tom requested money from the Woodend Fund to pay for an appraisal. Selectmen said "NO." Discussion tabled. Tom was told the entire committee needs to be involved and it needs to be an agenda item.

Stan Waltz spoke about plans for bedframe building. Next steps are to file paperwork with court and have sheriff deliver attorney letter. Would like to hold off for the moment, believe there is a plumbing outfit interested in buying it. Stan will get copies of the letter that was sent last year and provide it to selectmen. Follow up in one month.

2 new buildings being built in Sheepscott Harbor Resort, units 618 and 619.

7 building permits issued.

3 new places going in on Damariscotta River to grow oysters; Glidden Pt is known for oysters.

There is a shack that is being renovated by TV show Spruce Up. Cannot expand but rehab is ok. Talk of reassessing property after project is complete.

Rt 1 heated storage will be reassessed. Currently they are being charged \$0.22 per square foot where other comparable storage units are being charged \$0.30 per square foot. This will be for a 2018 rate increase.

Church on Old County Rd is under contract. Lots of activity has been seen.

Good activity with building permits this year, up from last year, good revenue for the town.

May possibly have a new art center going in on Brick Hill Rd. Stan was requested to come chat with the owner about a possible new business.

**Adjourn:** Jack made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51PM and Mike seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Adjourn