Town of Edgecomb

Selectmen’s Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2017

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

Pledge of Allegiance:

Review minutes from previous meetings: Minutes from 03/13/17 were voted on at the meeting. Mike made 2 corrections. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Jack and Ted seconded the motion. Vote 3-0 in favor.

Lincoln County Regional Planning Commission: Stuart Smith, chair of LCR Planning Commission visited and spoke with the selectmen about Edgecombs application for the ASK grant. Edgecomb had requested $2000 from the ASK grant for surveying of the Lallis property to extend the river link trail. Normally there are 4 grants given per year, this year there have been 7 applicants. Overall LCR was very happy with our application saying that the River Link Trail System was reflected very well in that it benefits more than just Edgecomb, however, our request does need additional work. Advised that we remove any reference to lowering taxes, because that isn’t what the grant money is intended to do, and highly recommended the town add in matching grant money. This can be “in kind” money which could easily be enhanced via the work Schmidt Preserve has done to their trail system. Would also like the application to read more in favor of an economic need to entice patronage from outside the community. Stuart also noted that there may need to be a subdivision review, but felt that if the 3rd lot was an easement that would alleviate the need for a review. Did not know for sure if we would get the grant but felt out chances were good. If we get the grant, will not be the full $2000 that we asked for but will be close. Needs revisions completed ASAP as award is granted April 25th.

Special Town Meeting Follow On: Final session for the Moratorium on Floating Structures March 27th at 7:00 at the Edgecomb Town Hall. If approved, will give ability to the town to come up with a plan to move forward with an ordinance.

New Business: Stephanie Hawkes will present a bill March 29th at 9:30 at the State House that if passed, will bring a different approach to how the County Commissioners Budget Advisory Committees do business. She feels that County Commissioners don’t heed their own advice and use the Advisory Committees to set their own budget. This bill will change the process. People will be in control of the county budget not the board. Mike made a motion to endorse Representative Hawkes bill and Ted seconded. Vote 3-0
Warrants:

General Warrant #21 Total $255,664.57
School Payroll $34,391.54
School Payables $32,759.21

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

TIFF #202 Total $97,705.29

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

Cemetery Caretaking: Allen Hersen submitted upcoming proposal for caretaking of the town hall, salt shed, fire house. There are 4 other cemeteries which are handled by the Hammond Fund. Total will be $3000. All were in favor of keeping the account. Jack a motion to approve and Ted seconded. Vote 3-0.

Forest Service Representative: Forest Service Representative coming April 19th to meet with Schmidt Preserve.

Annual Insurance Review: Marcus Ballough coming April 31st 8:30 -9:00 to go over annual insurance application for workmans comp. Basically doing an internal audit of out insurance. Great resource. Roy planning to attend as well. Crucial Issue.

Wells Fargo Trustee: Claudia brought it to the attention of the selectmen that she has been making deposits into the Wells Fargo account as “trustee.” This was a mistake which no one knew why because she was only supposed to manage the fund. Wells Fargo gave her paperwork to be able to continue signing as trustee. Selectmen all agreed that she was the most knowledgeable and should be added as a trustee. Mike made a motion to allow treasurer to be added as 3rd party authorization/certification of trustee powers to Wells Fargo deposits/withdrawals/signatures and Jack seconded. Vote 3-0. Paperwork signed.

Recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:00

Return from Special Town Meeting at 7:29

Special Town Meeting Discussion: Special Town Meeting went very well. Unanimous vote with no comments. Next Issue April 13th hearing coastal ordinance review moratorium for town meeting. Ordinances 30th/6th in paper for shore land zoning.
Adjourn: Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34PM and Jack seconded the motion. Vote: 3-0 in favor. Adjourn