

Town of Edgecomb Selectboard
July 5, 2017, 6pm
MINUTES

Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Katie Wurtzell, Corning Townsend, Claudia Coffin

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. June 19 2017. Approved with amendments. Mike made motion to approve, Jack seconded. Approved 2-0.
- b. June 26 2017. Approved with amendments. Mike made motion to approve, Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.

3. Harbormaster - Budget, Corning Townsend

- a. Money for moorings went into general government fund last year.
- b. Now that there is formal harbor master, there will be a salary for harbormaster of \$1000 and an established a mooring fund which will hold funds.
- c. Corning: Money for moorings over the last few years equalled approximately \$3500. This should have been earmarked for Edgecomb waterfront committee budget. Why was this not given to committee? Committee used money for anchorage, training, meetings, but now they money is unavailable and the waterfront committee has no money to work with.
- d. Jack said that this money was put into the general fund and used so. If money is needed by committee they can come to selectboard.
- e. From now forth, the plan to for this to be more formal: money generated by moorings will go into fund for waterfront usage. There will be an annual mooring fee (approximately \$10 per year) and \$30 for a new mooring. There are ~94 moorings. However, this creates a paperwork problem which needs to be dealt with by Claudia.
- f. Any issues that go beyond the mooring fund will be dealt with by the selectboard.
- g. Mike: Is the waterfront committee active? Corning said yes, they meet once or twice a year.
- h. Mike: Is having an additional harbormaster necessary with 3 rivers? Corning says it is very difficult to find someone to do the job. Mike said they will begin looking for new harbormaster. Need to have own boat to survey moorings and oyster beds and keep channels clear. Majority of moorings are on Sheepscot river. All oyster beds are on Damariscotta.
- i. Jack: Notification will need to be sent out to current mooring holders. Corning said that this is unlikely to work this year as boats are already on mooring. Jack says the will look for an appropriate process to make this work.

4. Stan Waltz

- a. Jack will contact Stan about attending next week.

- b. Typed follow-up from Stan from last week's meeting:
 - i. "I went onto the Maine GIS website and "Winding Brook Rd" was added as a new road in September of 2016, there were house numbers assigned but the homeowners were not notified."
 - ii. "I went by Sharon Dowd's property at 127 Mckay Rd and did not see any trash present. I did not write a letter to her about her property."
 - iii. "The "monkey" at the fireworks store on Davis Island is not in violation of the sign ordinance. It is not a sign and there is nothing in the sign ordinance concerning inflatable signage".
 - 1. Mike will talk to Ordinance Review board about this.
 - iv. "I am working on the 911 addresses at the Sheepscot Harbor Resort."
 - v. Jack will be in contact with Stan and will follow up with him on these issues.

5. Warrants

- a. General Warrant #29 - June 30th Warrant
 - i. General Expenses
 - ii. Schools - Payable: \$5,118.22
 - iii. Schools - Payable: \$15,347.29
 - iv. Total: \$21,053.70
 - v. Mike made motion to approve, Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
- b. Road Reconstruction Warrant #414
 - i. Total: \$28,990.14
 - ii. Mike made motion to approve, Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
- c. Wastewater Warrant #113
 - i. Total \$1,955.00
 - ii. Mikes made motion to approve, Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
- d. General Warrant #1. Mike made motion to approve, Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
 - i. General Expenses
 - 1. Schools - Payroll: \$38,427.98
 - 2. Schools - Retirement: \$11,114.76
 - 3. Schools - Payables: \$67,117.15
 - 4. Total: \$122,013.02

6. Old Business

- a. Outline for foreclosed properties. Send out first mailing.
 - i. Mike states they are trying to make policy. 1st offer of property is to previous owner, at town's discretion. 2nd offer is to abutters, to determine interest. This would require a registered letter and allow 30 days for abutters to respond if interested. If multiple abutters are interested, there would need to be an open bid process. If it goes to open bid process, the question is if it should also be open to non-abutters.
 - ii. Georgia Brown property has not paid taxes since 2006. Now owned by Town of Edgcomb. Mike suggested not offering to Browns due to history

of tax payments. A letter should be sent out to the 3 abutters with a 30 day time frame. If no interest, property will open to general public.

1. 11 acres of property. \$6612.50 owed
- iii. Ted suggested there should be established time frames for the foreclosure process.
- iv. Selectboard will draft letter, get approval from MMA and send to abutters by the end of the month.
- v. Jack mentioned selectboard can make policy on abutters and open bid. Ted suggested they should look at best practices.
- vi. Mike said that when we open property to bid, price is more likely to go up.
- vii. There is one additional unoccupied property plus two occupied properties. We have not heard back regarding if the occupants are paying rent.
- viii. Ted will draft letter to MMA about best practices of foreclosed properties. Goal is to have policy to vote on by selectboard.
- b. Still awaiting check from Lincoln County Planning for Lallis property surveying. Lallis property will be surveyed and some potentially sold off to general public.
- c. Schmid Preserve committee will be notified. Town of Edgecomb has owned this property since 2002. Possibility here to generate some money for Edgecomb general fund.

7. New Business

- a. Committees and Board - Establish summer schedule
 - i. Mike said that conversations are held with committees to get on the same page before September.
 - ii. Mike wants someone from both planning committee and ordinance review committee to come in and present to selectboard on progress on moratoriums.
 - iii. Invite to planning committee, ordinance review, and Scott Griffin (snow plowing to next meeting 7/17).
 - iv. Steve Lewis and Kerr Croby should be invited in August re: trash. Mike will look for similar issues for same meeting.
 - v. Another meeting will be dedicated to Roy Potter and what sort of training is required to stay current.
 - vi. School committee should be invited around the time school starts.
- b. Ted thanked Mike for putting up flags for Independence Day.

8. Public Comment

- a. Mike: Starting next January, it will be possible to register cars and boats online. You also can register for a free fire permit online.
- b. Roy Potter: Following up on last selectmen meeting that he was unable to attending and the discussion regarding 127 McKay Rd. As health officer he can investigate and report back but that is all. From now on Recording Secretary will handle correspondence with health officer via email as there was some confusion.

- c. Roy Potter: Some Mailboxes and GPS systems not aligned. Causing issues with emergency response and particularly an issue with medical response recently going to incorrect house.
- d. Roy Potter: Question about animal control officer. Mike state we go through Lincoln County Animal Shelter (contract). Roy states that animal control occasionally won't come out. Mike says for Roy to contact selectboard if this happens again.

9. Claudia Coffin, Town Officer

- a. In regards to Stephenson property, Claudia stated that the town needs to have a way to notify property owners of additional money being due. MMA cannot advise due to the fact town has town lawyer for this issue. Jack will get in touch with Bill Dale.
- b. Tax Workshop occurring post meeting with Selectmen.

10. Adjourn

- a. Mike made motion to adjourn 7:15, Ted seconded.