

Town of Edgecomb Select Board
MINUTES: September 11, 2017 6:00pm

Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Gerry Audibert (MDOT), Maggie Connelly (West Boothbay)

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Ted made motion to accept minutes from 8/28/17 as accepted, Mike seconded.
Approved 3-0.
- 3. Gerry Audibert, Regional Planner, MDOT & Maggie Connelly (West Boothbay)**
 - a. Maggie recapped incident that occurred (as discussed in previous meeting) to Gerry and suggested potential alternatives (disallow large trucks, advisory sign).
 - b. Gerry mentioned that he talked to David Allen, regional engineer, about getting signs current and cutting back any brush.
 - c. Gerry discussed the current policy of MDOT, which is that all public roads are available to all users. Therefore it would be difficult to eliminate use to current vehicles. This is because public funds are used to maintain roads, therefore road needs to be available to public.
 - d. Gerry brought up ongoing project of Rt 27 and Rt 1 intersection which will likely ease build up of traffic and improve mobility and safety in area. This will discourage using the short-cut.
 - e. Bill Wetzel, resident of near Eddy Rd, mentioned that perhaps it would be possible to grind back ledge a few feet to allow more room for error. He stated that a few years back they were able to grind the ledge back when doing construction in this area. Gerry mentioned he would need to check in on right-of-way and see if the grinding is something that typical maintenance crew can tackle.
 - f. Another resident mentioned that this is a big ice build up area in the winter and that cutting the ledge back would increase run-off and increase ice.
 - g. Gerry mentioned that there is another option, though it is a long shot, would be to apply to limit truck use. This would only be for certain times of day. There is a fairly significant public process to go through including communities, trucking companies, etc that need to play into a time of day restriction.
 - h. Roy Potter mentioned that a fire truck was damaged in this area as they grazed the ledge to avoid an accident. He said it is the policy of the fire dept to not take that road unless it is a dire emergency. He also mentioned that there is a sign issue (old/fallen down) and he has requested the signs to be replaced and this has not happened.
 - i. Gerry has crash records and said in the last 3 complete years there was 1 crash at Cross Pt road and 2 on Mason Rd. Roy mentioned that the Edgecomb records do not match that and they have many more accidents in that area.
 - j. Gerry will check on posted vs. official speed limit for this area. Town can request speed study, this would require letter from selectboard.
 - k. Gerry also mentioned town can request to revert road back to local road. This would eliminate state funding and require town to maintain.
 - l. A resident also mentioned that people are taking Eddy Rd to Cross Pt Rd to Mill Rd as an alternative road to beat rt 27 traffic.
 - m. Jack brought up that Boothbay and Boothbay Harbor are increasing in popularity and this results in an increased number of cars in the area.

- n. Gerry will follow up with Jack via email within the next few days. Selectmen will follow up with Gerry.
- 4. Stan Waltz, CEO**
 - a. Did not attend
- 5. Old Business**
 - a. Foreclosed Properties
 - i. On Aug 30 certified notices of sale were mailed out to abutters and one near abutter to property on Rt 1. The property owners have 30 days to respond and send a sealed bid. The highest bidder will get the property. The deadline is Sept 22. The bids will be opened at the Sept 25 selectboard meeting.
 - ii. By the end of the month we should hear back from Lallis property surveyor and move forward on selling potential building lots.
 - b. Seasonal Water Issue - Fort Road
 - i. Fire department helped out with property on Fort Rd and all was resolved.
- 6. New Business**
 - a. Joint Economic Development Committee
 - i. Edgcomb was invited to Joint Economic Development Committee meeting last week in Boothbay. Purpose was to develop an understanding of what the towns want and need and how to best proceed with peninsula development. They interviewed 73 stakeholders from across the four communities (Edgcomb, Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, Southport).
 - ii. There will be a workshop at the end of Sept to further distil this information into a final version by October. Consultants will take this information and help build a long range economic plan for the peninsula.
 - b. Annie Colby Chase award
 - i. By next meeting selectboard will have a letter written to ask permission to redesignate funds.
 - c. Mike thanked Edgcomb fire department for 9/11 tribute.
 - d. Roy Potter thanked Ted for allowing him to park fire truck on his lawn for fire convention.
- 7. Warrants**
 - a. General Warrant #6: \$214,136.63
 - i. School Payroll: \$30,053.53
 - ii. School Retirement: \$6,470.77
 - iii. School Payables: \$1,669.81
 - iv. General Expenses: \$175,942.52
 - 1. Note: This includes bond payment
 - v. Approved 3-0
 - b. Wastewater Warrant #103: \$3,437.97
 - i. Approved 3-0
 - c. Road Reconstruction Warrant #405: \$48,521.06
 - i. Approved 3-0
- 8. Public Comment**
 - a. River Rd address issue.
 - i. In a previous meeting Stan mentioned address had been updated. This does not seem to align with State information and is causing problems with emergency response and marriage license. Jack will follow up with Stan and get answer back ASAP.

- b. Contract for William Brewer, Auditor
 - i. Ted made movement for contract to be signed, and Mike seconded. Approved 3-0.

9. Adjourn

- a. Meeting on Columbus day 10/9 will be moved to 10/10.
- b. Mike makes motion to adjourn 6:51pm.