

**Town of Edgecomb Select Board
Minutes
November 20, 2017 - 6:00pm**

Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Corning Townsend, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Claudia Coffin, Bill Witzell, Scott Griffin, Roy Potter, Kathy Orne, Deb Boucher, Karl Olson, Jack French, Barry Hawthorne

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes 10/23/17 - Approved 2-0.
 - b. Minutes 11/6/2017 - Approved 2-0.
3. Corning Townsend, Harbormaster
 - a. Setting mooring fees
 - i. Current application fee \$30; mooring cost is currently covered by the owner and is dependent on type. Fee depends on if it is commercial (\$15) and if you are a tax paying resident of Edgecomb. Non-resident fee is \$60. (We need a better clarification of resident)
 - ii. 2007 ordinance mentioned that a yearly fee was a possibility dependent on selectmen
 - iii. Currently 100 registered moorings
 - iv. A nominal charge of \$10/\$15 per year would generate \$1,000/\$1,500 assuming that everyone pays
 - v. Corning believes that \$15 is a very fair fee to pay for mooring space. Currently the Wiscasset fee is more expensive (approximately \$50)
 - vi. Ted mentioned that an increased fee would add more resources to maintain the waterfront. He would like to know what the other communities are charging and compare.
 - vii. Corning mentioned that many other communities have more expenses (harbormaster boat, fuel, etc); he does not believe this is necessary as this is a much smaller responsibility here in Edgecomb. He mentioned most communities charge differently; they own the moorings and are responsible for maintaining them. They then rent them out. Edgecomb just rents the space and the owner is responsible for maintaining the mooring (materials, diving, etc). The biggest cost to Edgecomb is for the harbormaster to go to Castine each year for 3 days to go to the annual conference where there are talks and classes.
 - viii. Jack would like Corning to report back on what other towns are charging.
 - ix. Claudia mentioned that MMA noted to be careful on the cost of permits and that the intent is only to cover the cost of the town on issuing the permit.
 - x. Corning mentioned that the main reason that they mentioned the yearly fee in 2007 was so that the harbormaster can keep track of what is on the bottom of the river.
 - xi. Jack mentioned that in the Spring there will be further discussion about harbormaster salary, budget, etc.
 - xii. Corning mentioned that he would prefer that someone else takes over the harbormaster process and that he would be assistant harbormaster. Usually the harbormaster comes from the waterfront committee.
4. Windstorm, continued
 - a. EMA, Fire Department, Road Commissioner (Bill Witzell, Roy Potter, Scott Griffin)
 - i. The Selectboard thanked the team for their incredible efforts in storm restoration.
 - ii. Bill reported on total clean-up costs / storm damage
 1. Total \$37,960.06
 2. Debris removal: \$17,000 + anticipated \$9,000 = \$26,830

3. Emergency Protection measure: \$9,881 (includes fire department labor: \$4,080)
 4. Damage: \$1,239.06 (does not include fire department fence)
 - iii. Bill submitted Form 7 to the state today with all of the necessary documentation, with the support of the county EMA director. As Scott gets final numbers submitted Bill will resubmit.
 - iv. Claudia mentioned that Bill needs to include FICA and medicare for fire department in submission. If this is not allowed we will need to get from town surplus.
 - v. Roy is still getting estimate on damage of fire control vehicle.
 - vi. Bill will be able to submit additional expenses to the state
 - vii. There will be a special town meeting in January to discuss floating structures moratorium, marijuana moratorium and town surplus spending.
5. Moratoriums (Jack French, Barry Hawthorne)
 - a. Floating Structures Moratorium
 - i. Recommendation is that moratorium should be continued for another 180 days.
 - ii. Wording will not be changed from previous moratorium
 - b. Marijuana Moratorium
 - i. Recommendation is that moratorium should be continued for another 180 days.
 - c. Vote on special meeting regarding each moratoriums to be held January 2nd. Mike made motion for special public hearing (January 2nd) and special town meeting (January 16th) to include floating structure moratorium, marijuana moratorium, storm damage payment, and additional survey cost. Ted seconded motion. Approved 3-0.
6. Historical Society, Deb Boucher and Kathy Orne
 - a. Request for use of town hall Thursday November 30 from 7-9pm for a lecture of a blacksmith from Waldoboro. The selectboard encourages the activities of the Historical Society and approves the use of the town hall upper room and waives the usage fee.
7. Consideration of a business permit
 - a. Ted reported on initial discussion on consideration of a business permit. There seems to be a lack of organization in the town surrounding businesses. Idea is being explored of a simple business permit (for only the cost of processing), which tells the town where the business will be, what kind of business, etc and inform the fire department, code enforcement, health enforcement, etc.
8. Old Business
 - a. Karl Olson - Land Survey
 - i. Karl has been working on a land survey on McKay Road (Lallis property) through the Lincoln County Planning Office
 - ii. Karl submitted plans for a 3.04 acre lot, however the soils must be tested for a septic system (\$200 fee).
 - iii. Karl reported on the Schmal property connection which currently equals 1 acre.
 - iv. Selectboard will need to ask for \$200 from surplus at special town meeting in January
 - v. Selectboard will reach out to Mr. Schmal about the connector lot
 - b. Church Group rental - Barter's Island Baptist Church
 - i. Church will be meeting at town hall for at least 3 more weeks.
 - c. MDOT - Eddy Road
 - i. Selectboard heard correspondence back from MDOT on work on Eddy Road. The MDOT would like to meet again with the selectboard to discuss further.
 - ii. Claudia mentioned that we may not be able to use the money from original Road Reconstruction loan for this purpose and that the selectboard will need to consult with the bond bank about if this is an option.
9. New Business
 - a. Financials - Claudia Coffin
 - i. 1/3 of the way through the fiscal year, review of year over year progress

- b. Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A, section 906
 - i. “Apply any tax payment received from an individual as payment for any property tax against outstanding or delinquent taxes due on said property in chronological order beginning with the oldest unpaid tax bill, provided, however that no such payment may be applied to any tax for which an abatement application or appeal is pending unless approved in writing by the taxpayer” Mike made a motion to approve Title 36 M.R.S.A, section 906. Ted seconded that motion. Approved 3-0.
- c. Winding Brook Road - Claudia Coffin
 - i. Address seems to be in state database (9-1-1 addressing system). State BMV will not acknowledge address. Residents are requesting a letter from Stan to send letter to post office to acknowledge address change.
 - ii. Selectboard will check in on this issue with Stan Waltz, Code Enforcement Officer. Claudia will go to post office and check in on issue with postmaster.
- d. Training for Budget Committee in December - Claudia Coffin
 - i. Tabled until next meeting
- e. Dana Dow’s Letter
 - i. Selectboard was contacted Doug Baston (Alna Selectman) regarding frustrating over Wiscasset conflict with MDOT. Doug drafted a letter to Dana Dow from surrounding impacted communities suggesting that it is inappropriate for legislature to interfere with MDOT processes. The letter does not provide an opinion on best option for traffic discussion and resulting impasse but discusses that the legislature should not interfere.
 - ii. Mike made a motion to endorse the direction that the letter is heading and that they anticipate the final copy. Ted seconded. 3-0 vote.

10. Warrants

- a. General Warrant #11
 - i. School Payroll: \$30,389.88
 - ii. School Payables: \$66,313.14
 - iii. General Expenses: \$124,084.85
 - iv. Total: \$220,787.87
 - v. Mike made motion to approve Warrant #11; Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
- b. Road Reconstruction Warrant #410
 - i. Total: \$16,013.59
 - ii. Mike made motion to approve Road Reconstruction Warrant #410; Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.

- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Adjourn - 7:45pm