

**Town of Edgecomb Select Board**  
**Minutes**  
**January 2, 2018 - 6:00pm**

**Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Jack French, Jack Brennan, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Roy Potter, Claudia Coffin**

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 2. Hearing: Floating Structures Moratorium - Planning Board & Select Board**
  - a. Chair: Jack French
  - b. No public comments
- 3. Hearing: Marijuana Moratorium - Planning Board & Selectboard**
  - a. Chair: Jack French
  - b. Emily Bower, Healthy Lincoln County - Runs program to reduce substance use abuse. 21% of Lincoln County students report usage of marijuana. Emily spoke on the health impacts of marijuana including potential impairment on the adolescent brain. Emily also noted that recreational marijuana is illegal for youth under 21.
  - c. If the state provides guidelines, it is possible to remove moratorium.
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
  - a. December 18, 2017 - Approved 3-0.
- 5. Budget - Jack Brennan, Chair of Budget Committee**
  - a. Goal - Set up schedule for Budget Meeting
  - b. Jack asked if county taxes came in as expected. Mike responded that taxes were 3% increase instead of 1%. Projected increase for coming year of 1.7%
  - c. Mike suggested that next Monday (Jan 8, 5pm) there be a budget workshop with budget committee with other budget heads to discuss plans. Katie will send note to department heads.
  - d. Jack put together tentative schedule for Budget Committee.
  - e. Jack will send introductions to departments.
- 6. Roy Potter, Fire Chief**
  - a. Frost has lifted pavement outside main entrance of fire department. Fire Department will have to get estimate with contractor. Mike suggested getting in touch with Penobscot Company, who built the fire station to see what they can do.
  - b. As it is budget season, the fire department needs information from the Wiscasset Ambulance Service to determine their intentions for next year. Approximately 230 ambulance calls last year. Typically medical calls are half, followed by car accidents.
  - c. 9-1-1 Addressing Issues. Driveway off of Rt 1 will be renamed Blueberry Lane.
  - d. Auxiliary Fund Drive is going well. Fire Department looking for \$30k and recently hit \$15k.
  - e. External damage done to one of the garage doors. Will be taped up to seal water out.
  - f. Mike asked Roy if there was a significant uptick in accidents due to Gardens Aglow or if this would be possible to determine. Roy said call volume has gone up. Bus accident caused particular incident as there was a need to get 30 people out of the weather and to fire department.
  - g. Jack brought up that the Selectboard needs to determine the impacts of the Gardens on Edgecomb. Wear and tear on road, fire department, equipment, etc.
- 7. Claudia Coffin, Town Clerk**
  - a. Warrants for Special Town Meeting (Jan 16, 6:30pm)

- i. Mike made a motion to sign Special Town Meeting Warrant for Special Town Meeting. Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
  - ii. Mike made a motion to direct the Town Clerk (Claudia Coffin) to accept certification of official text of a proposed ordinance. Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
- b. Claudia brought info that the fire department fence was paid for out of the new fire department funding.
- c. Special Town Meeting needs to be posted / advertised. There are no absentee ballots allowed for the special town meeting.
- d. Abatements / Supplements
  - i. There was a piece of property that was going to be foreclosed upon, foreclosure notice was sent out. Owner stated that he sold it in 2013 or 2014. Property is on Cross Pt Rd. New owner is responsible for taxes. Total cost is \$567 in 2016 and \$567 in 2017. Previous owner does not owe taxes as they did not own property. Mike made a motion to approve tax abatement for Robert Burns for fiscal year 2016 and 2017 for total amount of \$1,135.51, Ted seconded. Approved 3-0. All three selectmen signed document.
  - ii. Supplement discussion will be postponed until next meeting.

**8. Historical Society**

- a. Approved usage of Town Hall: Sat Jan 20, 10-2pm; Thursday Jan 25, 7-9pm

**9. Website Discussion**

- a. Website Meeting Committee meeting Tuesday January 9.

**10. Old Business**

**11. New Business**

- a. Select board received notice from InforME for Rapid Renewal of online vehicle registration. Could potentially begin Feb or March for Cars, Trucks, Motorcycles. All 3 Selectmen have read information. Fee based renewal. The community has been requesting this service for ~5 years. Jack made a motion to accept work statement from InforME for Rapid Renewal of vehicle registration, Ted seconded. Approved 3-0.
- b. Last meeting there was a request from Girl Scouts to hold initial informational meeting, however there would be a \$50 fee for all future meetings. E. Davies Alan of Westport submitted a \$500 check to pay as many meetings as possible. Informational girl scout meeting January 17th.
- c. Wendy Wolf, Chair of JEDC and Wayfinding Committee would like to come to a future Select Board meeting. Wendy would like to speak about the Wayfinding Committee about explaining process, answering questions, and figure out where to go from here. One outcome is a suggestion to have standardized signage.

**12. Warrants**

- a. General Warrant #14
  - i. School Payroll: \$30,406.27
  - ii. School Payables: \$28,280.41
  - iii. General Expenses: \$13,912.84
  - iv. Total: \$72,599.52
  - v. Jack made motion to approve, Mike seconded. Approved 3-0.
- b. Wastewater Warrant #107
  - i. Total \$1,504.00
  - ii. Ted made motion to approve, Mike Seconded

**13. Public Comment**

**14. Adjourn - 7:28pm**