

Town of Edgcomb Select Board
Minutes
January 29, 2018: 6:00pm

Attendees: Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Wendy Wolf, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Roy Potter

Note: Chairman Jack Sarmanian not present

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from 1/18/18 - Approved 2-0.
3. Update from Special Town meeting
 - a. All articles passed
4. Dr. Wendy Wolf, Boothbay Harbor Selectman. Update on Wayfinding project which involves peninsula economic development.
 - a. Joint Economic Development Committee
 - i. Looking into what makes peninsula attractive to businesses
 - ii. Submitted a grant to the Lincoln County Planning Committee for more funding
 1. Through grant process, hired a consultant (Gamble Design, Portsmouth, NH) to help promote region (Boothbay Peninsula), attracting people to peninsula yet also keeping towns distinct
 2. Community surveys were done on what is needed. Feedback was that signage is not very good and that the primary focus should be on vehicular signage. Signage and directional cues are called wayfinding.
 - iii. Wayfinding can be anything from signage, sounds, apps, etc. There is a science of good wayfinding. How to give people the right amount of information without overwhelming them?
 - iv. Regional Wayfinding System Concept Design
 1. Wendy presented the variety of signs that are possible. Project focused on vehicular traffic
 2. First concept is on a regional sign - "Welcome to the Boothbay Region" with all four towns listed. Large sign that would be placed on Rt 27 near Rt 1. Sign is meant to draw people's attention and make it clear what the turn is for, what attractions are down the road.
 3. Each individual town sign is color coded and has unique motif
 4. Color motif would follow through more local signs
 5. Mike asked where the town signs would be. Welcome to "each town" sign placement would be a negotiation between town and MDOT.
 6. Mike expressed concerns about how many people this effort might bring to the area. Concerns about Boothbay water, roads, etc. Edgcomb needs to be protective of their resources. What happens in Boothbay does not necessarily impact Edgcomb necessarily. Ted remarked that the growth will happen on the peninsular regardless of what happens - it needs to be controlled and managed.
 7. Wendy commented that Southport has a similar perspective - they are not that interested in new businesses but more wayfinding, expansion of broadband, etc.

8. Mike asked if Wendy considered Rt 1 as part of this project. Wendy said yes and that they plan on including it in the Wayfinding project. She also mentioned that Rt 27 has potential as a scenic by-way.
5. Stan Waltz, Code Enforcement Officer
 - a. Stan not present
 - b. Waiting to hear back from Wiscasset for ambulance and code enforcement contracting.
6. Old Business
7. New Business
 - a. Sheepscot Harbor View Home Owners Association renting town hall Saturday Feb 3 for annual meeting
8. Roy Potter, Fire Chief
 - a. 9-1-1 Addressing
 - i. Midcoast Conservancy (on Rt 1) using Atlantic Highway address
 - b. Traffic increase from Boothbay
 - i. Driving up call volume for Edgcomb fire dept.
 - ii. Similar issue with potential mountain biking on Lallis property
 - iii. Roy is asking for more communication as these issues and similar impact fire dept.
 - iv. Fire department is short handed already. Growth could be more of a burden than an asset.
 - v. Mike commented that the town should initiate conversation with gardens regarding potential growth projections; potentially could contribute to conversations with MDOT.
 - vi. \$1.6M study slated for 2020 for Rt 1 / Rt 27 from MDOT.
 - c. Eddy Rd
 - i. Roy mentioned he saw a car hauler turn down the Eddy Rd. and that the road is a fatality waiting to happen.
9. Warrants
 - a. General Warrant #16
 - i. School Payroll: \$30,547.55
 - ii. School Payables: \$34,439.27
 - iii. General Town Expenses: \$11,538.30
 - iv. Total: \$76,525.12
 - v. Approved 2-0
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn
 - a. Adjourn 6:49pm