

Town of Edgecomb Select Board
Minutes
April 24, 2018; 6:00pm

Attendees: Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Katie Wurtzell, Claudia Coffin, Roy Potter, Steve Lewis (Refuse Rep), Curt Crosby

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Tabled until 5/9/18
3. Old Business
 - a. Jack, board chair has been out on medical leave since Feb 11, 2018. He has begun physical therapy and looking to return as soon as possible.
 - b. Angus King representatives suggested an important opportunity is for Edgecomb focus on getting high speed broadband. Janet Blevins said that she heard at a meeting that the peninsula should work together for this. Ted expressed that JEDC has discussed this and so has the Edgecomb Economic Committee. Speed depends on location currently.
4. New Business
 - a. Discussion for fire truck funding, amendment to TIF
 - i. Selectmen discussed with lawyers (Eaton Peabody, Bangor) regarding the possibility of amending the TIF to include the purchase of new fire truck. Potential cost of this amendment is \$2,500. Voters would need to approve this at Town meeting. Ted made a motion to contract with Easton Peabody to investigate the potential of amending the TIF for purchase of a fire truck with a maximum cost of \$3,500 for the investigation. Mike seconded. Approved 2-0. Mike will contact law firm tomorrow.
 - b. Conversation with Refuse Disposal District
 - i. Boothbay Refuse District is purchasing Giles Rubbish. Giles would like to preserve local jobs and handle the recycling pick up in town, which Boothbay Refuse District benefits from. Business is valued at \$2M, Giles is selling for \$1.3M. \$110k downpayment with payments for 10 years at 3% interest. Business will be self sustaining though rates will need to increase slightly (0.50 cents per week, approximately). This is a break even proposition for now but the hope is that once the debt is paid off the revenue will account for the rising cost of garbage. Steve mentioned that he believes Boothbay is one of the first towns to do something like this. Mike asked if this would benefit Edgecomb, they responded in that potentially yes in the long term as it would reduce the increase in the cost of garbage. Mike asked if there were any plans for the 22 acre land, they said currently no plans. Mike also asked about Fiberight. From the Boothbay refuse business side, using the landfill is saving significant money in both garbage weight and also driving time. Garbage will start going to Fiberight approximately September. If things do not work out with Fiberight then the option is EcoMaine or potentially go back to PERC.
 - c. Appeals board nominations
 - i. Five positions plus two alternates are open, though there are only five nominations currently.
 - ii. Nominees: Bobby Carlton, Eric Graves, Alesia Norling, Amanda Russell, Dawn Murray.

- iii. Ted made a motion that the board appoints the following people: Bobby Carlton, Eric Graves, Alesia Norling, Amanda Russell, Dawn Murray, to the Appeals board; Mike seconded with the note the board needs to define term length.
 - d. Schmidt Management Committee Nomination
 - i. Ted made motion to appoint Laura Lubelczyk to the Schmit Management a Committee for a term of three years beginning July 1 2018.
 - e. Selectboard will be looking to set date with Edgecomb Eddy to put up flags before Memorial Day
 - f. Edgecomb Cemetery Committee is looking for a new Treasurer (North Edgecomb Cemetery) Contact selectboard if you are interested. There are meetings twice a year.
- 5. Warrants
 - a. General Warrant #22
 - b. School Payroll \$30,751.30
 - c. School Payables \$15,268.67
 - d. General Expenses \$8,124.70
 - e. Total \$54,144.67
 - f. Ted made motion to approve warrant, Mike seconded. Approved 2-0.
- 6. Public Comment
 - a. Claudia Coffin, Town Clerk
 - i. Selectboard signed document to add land use ordinance to Town warrant.
 - b. Roy Potter, fire chief
 - i. TIF funding - could TIF money be used to help fix generator? Mike will ask TIF lawyers about this this week. Roy is also wondering if it might be possible to have a light up sign outside the station? Mike and Ted said that they need to check with code enforcement. Roy asked about the fire truck and TIF timing. Mike stated that they would like to move forward as soon as possible after town meeting.
 - ii. Lallis property - Roy recommends that some of the money from the potential sale of lots on McKay Rd be used to improve fire access to Schmid Preserve.
 - iii. Waters Edge resort - Roy believes things have improved significantly there however as of currently the deck is currently unusable. Owners are aware of this.
 - iv. Property abutting the fire station - owners have offered house to fire officers for a controlled burn practice. They have also offered to sell property back to town for what they have in it (\$55k)
 - v. Large truck is currently in Brunswick getting repairs, should be back tomorrow. Engine 3 did pass state inspection. Rescue truck is in need of a new carborator.
 - 1. Public discussion May 9 at fire department
 - c. Fire department will be sponsoring a first responders course at the station
- 7. Adjourn - 19:01