

Town of Edgcomb Select Board

Minutes

June 4, 2018; 6:00pm

Note: Meeting with Wiscasset Ambulance at 5pm and CLC Ambulance at 7pm

SPECIAL ELECTION 6:30pm RE: Fire Truck, Select Board agenda reconvenes after that

Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Warren Waltz (CLC Ambulance)

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 9, 2018: Approved 2-0
 - b. May 7, 2018: Approved 3-0
3. 6:30pm Special Election: Fire Truck
4. Old Business
 - a. Planning Board Alternates
 - i. Dave Boucher. Ted made a motion to approve Dave Boucher, Mike seconded. approved 3-0
 - ii. Barb Gibson. Ted made a motion to approve Barb Gibson, Jack seconded. Approved 3-0.
 - b. Lallis Property
 - i. Report done by Karl Olson. Proposed new lot of 3.3 acres on the McKay Rd. Property has been soil tested. Mike suggested that the Schmid Preserve Committee might have insight on what might or might not be allowed. Rural zoning so must have a minimum of 3 acres. Jack spoke with a real estate office to potentially explore a price for the lot.
5. New Business
 - a. Foreclosed property request
 - i. Tabled until next meeting 6/18
6. Fire Department
7. Warrants
 - a. General Warrant #25
 - i. School Payroll: \$36,865.65
 - ii. School Retirement: \$8,001.31
 - iii. School Payables: \$161,846.72
 - iv. General Expenses: \$19,081.94
 - v. Total: \$225,795.62
 - vi. Jack made a motion to approve warrant, Mike seconded. Approved 3-0.
 - b. Wastewater warrant #112
 - i. Total: \$2,169.00
 - ii. Jack made a motion to approve warrant, Mike seconded. Approved 3-0.
 - c. May potentially need a special warrant prior to the end of the fiscal year.
8. Adjourn 6:15pm for Special Town Meeting
 - a. Article 1: Choose a moderator, for said meeting.
 - i. Chip L. Griffin III was nominated
 - ii. Chip L. Griffin III was voted as moderator and sworn in.

- b. Article 2: To see if the voters of the Town of Edgecomb will appropriate and authorize a majority of the municipal offers of the Town to accept grants and/or borrow on behalf of the town, a principal amount not to exceed \$250,000 through the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of the Town of Edgecomb, which may be callable bonds or notes, the proceeds to be used to finance a new fire truck and further to authorize the municipal offers to do any and all things and execute any and all contracts or documents necessary or convenient to issue the bonds or notes of the Town.

Financial Statement of the Town Treasurer

1. Total Town indebtedness

- a. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: \$3,150,875.52
- b. Bonds authorized and unissued \$88,500.00
- c. Bonds to be issued if question is approved \$250,000.00

Total: \$3,489,375.52

2. Costs

At an estimated interest rate of 3.2% for a term of 5 years, the estimated cost of this bond issue will be:

Principal: \$250,000.00

Interest: \$24,879.00

Total Debt Service: \$274,879.00

3. Validity

The validity of the bonds and of the voters' ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates.

- c. Motion was given, seconded and approved to approve article as written.
- d. Article Unanimously approved
- e. Special town meeting: 6:37pm

9. Public Comment

10. Ambulance Service Questions

a. Wiscasset Ambulance Questions (pre-selectboard meeting)

i. Background on service and plans for future

- 1. Ambulance service is doing great and wants to expand what they can. They recently started serving Dresden. Rates were increased in order to match Dresden rates, to keep all contracts the same. Subscription service is "second to none", whatever insurance company doesn't cover is covered by ambulance service. Rate increased from \$3,000 to \$6,500 base rate only with the addition of the unpaid debt. This is a concern for the town of Edgecomb and taxpayers. Mike asked if there is a possibility for \$15,000 base but with no debt. Wiscasset ambulance representatives said they would bring a proposal back to their board.
- 2. Mike asked if there has been concern about the service and if it will be stable going forward? The Wiscasset people want their own ambulance service and currently the service is committed.

3. Jack commented that the town of Edgecomb has no process to pay for bad debt. The Selectmen do not want to encumber the town with an unregulated, uncontrolled debt. The representative said that they try to get all debt, they go through a collection agency but eventually gets eaten by the town. A member of the public asked if the debt is billed to Edgecomb only if the ambulance is needed by an Edgecomb resident? The Wiscasset representatives responded to say it is only for residents, and the town would not be responsible for debt from passer-throughs.
 4. Ted asked for the Director to get back to the Selectboard with answers to the Edgecomb statistical questions.
- b. CLC Ambulance Questions - Warren Waltz
- i. Warren has been the service chief for many years. Ambulance service has transitioned from volunteer service to non-profit.
 - ii. CLC has a team philosophy and would like to partner with Edgecomb
 - iii. CLC undertook 2,348 calls last year, 4 people on 24/7, 2 vehicles. Can call in and page additional crews as needed. In the summer they typically increase the number of people available. One paramedic on shift, if not two.
 - iv. Response time is a concern. CLC's farthest distance is 13.9 miles; 14-15 mile response time. Wiscasset traffic can cause concern in summer for Wiscasset ambulance.
 - v. Requested fee \$20,000. Mike asked what the rate of increase would be expected. Warren mentioned that he will go back to the board to ask if there would be a possibility of a 5 year contract.
 - vi. Patients do have choice of what hospital to go to, with the caveat that in an emergency situation or if they are unable to make their own decision they must go to the closest hospital.
 - vii. 15 years ago CLC partnered with a hospital on cardiac care and has won awards.
 - viii. Oldest ambulance is 2010 (100k miles) also a 2009 ambulance with only 14k miles.
 - ix. No significant issues with recruiting or retention. Newest employee is 2 years.
 - x. Mike asked how CLC came up with the \$20k figure. Warren said it is based on bad debt, wear and tear, maintenance, and extra staffing cost.
 - xi. There is monthly training, online continuing education that counts towards recertification
 - xii. 2017 there were 6 calls that the service was unable to respond to a call, often when the CLC ambulances were out helping another town. Normally CLC can field 3 calls at the same time pretty easily.
 - xiii. CLC is not actively looking to expand but potentially looking to merge with Wiscasset Ambulance. Currently cover S. Bristol, Bristol, Bremen, Newcastle, Damariscotta, some of Jefferson, and Alna.
 - xiv. Roy asked what he sees the relationship between the Edgecomb First responders and the CLC ambulance service. Warren stated that he imagines it being a partnership. Roy stated that the times he has worked with CLC they have been very professional and reliable.
 - xv. CLC Ambulance typically requires 45 days to switch ambulance service and may not be able to switch July 1. However Warren stated that it may be possible to switch earlier on an interim basis but would need to further explore. There are some computer coding involved in the switching of the 911 routing service.

11. Adjourn - Adjourn 7:22pm