

**Town of Edgcomb Select Board
Minutes**

July 30, 2018; 6:00pm

Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Ernest Martin (Maine DOT), Chris Cossette (Wiscasset Water Commission), Roy Potter

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 2, 2018 - Approved 3-0
 - b. July 16, 2018 - Approved 3-0
3. Old Business
 - a. Ernest Martin, Senior Project Manager, MDOT
 - i. Update on Rt 1 and Rt 27 project
 1. There will be a protected left hand turn lane so that vehicles coming out of Englebrekt Rd can make a left.
 2. All islands will be type 5 islands which means they are sloped, so all emergency vehicles will be able to go over them
 3. Florida T: Protected left turn out of rt 27 onto rt 1 followed by an alternate merge
 4. Rumble strip will be placed prior to merge lane to keep vehicles out on rt 1
 5. Flashing light will be installed at Cochran Rd. Other lighting will be checked to make sure that it is working appropriately
 6. Some drainage will be replaced
 7. Timing: This project will take place after Wiscasset project is completed, as MDOT does not want to undertake both at the same time.
 8. Mike asked about study that will be occurring in the area (~\$1.6M), Ernest did not know for sure but mentioned that speed is always a concern. Ernest said to check in with planning office. Ernest will get back to the selectboard about what the study is on, it may be studying the entire rt 1 corridor.
 9. Ernest also mentioned that the Rt 1 traffic volumes have stayed essentially constant over the past 10 years.
 10. Roy Potter asked if they had considered eliminating left hand turns out of Cross Rd? Ernest said that he thinks that the problem will resolve itself because there will be less of a wait at Rt 27 / Rt 1 intersection.
 11. Ernest said that within the next 2 months there should be another update.
 12. Ted asked how long the project will take? Ernest said it will take approximately 6 months.
 - b. Chris Cossette - Director, Wiscasset Water Commission
 - i. Update

1. Wrapping up second year of replacing water mains on a total of 12 streets. 100+ year water main. Old water main was made of cast iron. Paving and sidewalk work is finishing up.
 2. Fire flows have significantly increased in Edgecomb / Wiscasset. In Wiscasset some areas have increased over 100%.
 3. This work completes the Capital Improvement Plan and projects that go back since the formation of the Wiscasset Water District. USDA Rural Development was a significant source of funding. Over the next year they will be coming up with a plan for the future 10-20 year plan.
 4. Chris mentioned that they are a non-investing utility, therefore they just maintain water mains, they do not extend. Any extension must be funded at least partially by private sources where needed.
 5. Rate increase occurred in July 2017 and an additional July 2018. The rates have been reflected in customer billing.
- c. Lallis Property Pricing
 - i. First step is to identify and contact the two abutters.
 - ii. Mike expressed hesitation due to the need to provide a recreational parcel to fulfill a federal need. Ted mentioned that perhaps we should explore if this piece of property would satisfy the need prior to listing.
 - iii. Minimum bid will be \$27,500 - approved 3-0. Abutters will be identified and reached out to via letter.
 - d. TIF / Fire Truck
 - i. Jack spoke with John Pottle, who feels like we are in good shape regarding TIF funding and fire department.
4. New Business
 - a. Appointments
 - i. Mike made a motion to appoint Ken Vinal as Code Enforcement Officer through June 30, 2019. Approved 3-0.
 - ii. Mike made a motion to appoint Ken Vinal as Licensed Plumbing Inspector through June 30, 2019. Approved 3-0.
 - iii. Mike made a motion to appoint Ken Vinal as 9-1-1 Addressing Officer through June 30, 2019. Approved 3-0.
 - b. Letter from DEP
 - i. Letter about an act regarding municipal satellite wastewater collection system. Edgecomb needs to register with DEP on water water treatment plan.
 - c. Mil Rate
 - i. Mil Rate was set at 0.17095 (2% increase over last year)
 5. Fire Department
 - a. Property next to fire department will be placing a mobile home in the back. They have requested access to the fire department driveway to bring mobile home in. Roy said they can use the driveway with caution.
 - b. Roy will be submitting a public health report to selectboard.
 - c. Edgecomb is looking at becoming a Knox Box community. Inside a Knox Box is a key to a building, which the fire department has a master key to. There should be no cost to the town. Business cost is approximately \$300 - optional to businesses.
 - d. Bill Witzel, EMA
 - i. FEMA Refund from October refund will be less than previously expected.
 6. Warrants

- a. General Warrant #3
 - i. School Payroll \$19,326.69
 - ii. School Payables \$33,857.64
 - iii. General Expenses \$22,200.61
 - iv. Total: \$75,384.94
 - v. Approved 3-0.
- b. Wastewater Warrant #102
 - i. Total: \$3065.00
 - ii. Approved 3-0.
- 7. Public Comment
- 8. Adjourn - 7:35pm