

**Town of Edgecomb Select Board**  
**AGENDA**  
**October 8, 2018; 6:00pm**

**Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Ron Carey**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes from 9/24/18 - Approved 3-0.
3. Old Business
  - a. TIF Update
    - i. Jack spoke with John Pottle, attorney, regarding TIF potential and a special town meeting. Claudia needs to obtain data back to 2005 on assessment values. Once the information is available, John will draft up the information needed for the special town meeting. Attorney Chip Griffin will moderate the special town meeting.
  - b. Snow Plow Contract – Ron Carey
    - i. Jack put together a document with information from 6 towns. He spoke to a town administrator from each town - Damariscotta, Dresden, Newcastle, Nobleboro, Whitefield, and Woolwich. Information included mileage and if sand/salt is included. Damariscotta/Dresden/Newcastle/Nobleboro - no sand/salt. Whitefield had sand/salt separate. Woolwich included sand/salt. Cost per mile ranged from \$3,700 to \$10,700. Edgecomb has 33 miles that need to be plowed. Comparing to the most comparable towns - Dresden, Newcastle, Nobleboro, and Whitefield - Edgecomb pays \$27,000 to \$118,000 more per year for plowing/sand/salt (based on Edgecomb mileage).
    - ii. Jack mentioned that most towns pay \$50k +++ for sand/salt per year.
    - iii. Mike mentioned that the price is something to pay attention to, but they plan to continue contract with Scott Griffin Construction based on experience and quality of service. Ted mentioned that it's important for the equipment needed to be on hand and that storm response time is quick.
    - iv. Claudia mentioned that she remembers that with the prior road maintenance company there were many many calls complaining about the roads. Since Scott took over there have only been positive calls.
    - v. Town resident concerned about cost as this is the second biggest budget item after the schools. Resident mentioned perhaps there could be a tiered policy so that different roads get different levels of treatment.
  - c. Lallis Property
    - i. Tabled until next meeting
4. New Business
  - a. Mike mentioned that there is increased traffic on more residential roads. He proposed signs that remind visitors that these are residential areas.
  - b. Mike has contacted previous budget committee members to see who would like to be involved again this year. So far 3 out of 4 have responded positively. Ideally there would be 7 members.
  - c. Three Abatements
    - i. Map R02 100-02
      1. House was assessed prior to tax year

2. \$1455.59 for the 2018 tax year.
    3. Mike made motion to approve, approved 3-0.
  - ii. Map U18-020
    1. Vacant lot- accidentally assessed with neighbor's house on it.
    2. Abatement of \$6347.58 for 2018 tax year.
    3. Mike made motion to approve, approved 3-0.
  - iii. Map U05 - Lot 7 unit 304
    1. Homestead exemption that was missed
    2. Abatement of \$324.81 for tax year 2018.
    3. Mike made motion - approved 3-0.
  - d. New legislation regarding foreclosed properties
    - i. Taxpayers who have a homestead exemption and meet certain age and have income and assets liabilities. May be able to require the municipalities to sell the foreclosed property through a real estate agent and return the proceeds to owner, less taxes owed and fees. If not sold within 6 months or a broker cannot be obtained, then property can return to normal foreclosure. This goes into effect in December 2018.
5. Fire Department
  - a. Bill Witzell, EMA Director
    - i. Bill has been doing a report for the newspapers and will be presenting a report to the selectboard from now on.
    - ii. Mike asked about the relationship with Lincoln County Ambulance, Bill said from what he can tell everything is going great.
    - iii. Claudia mentioned that the fire department had a credit card and they were having a problem getting the statement in early enough to make it to the warrant and kept getting late fees. This has been going on for a few years. Now the credit card company has switched but now Roy and Claudia will both be able to access the statements online. There will be a limit of \$5000 a month. The bill will come to the town office.
6. Warrants
  - a. General Warrant #8
    - i. Payroll: \$43,564.03
    - ii. School Payables: \$293,035.17
    - iii. General Expenses: \$16,050.20
    - iv. Total: \$352,650.40
    - v. Approved 3-0.
  - b. Wastewater Warrant #104
    - i. Total \$2,320.00
    - ii. Approved 3-0.
  - c. TIF Warrant #201
    - i. Total \$31,837.66
    - ii. Approved 3-0.
  - d. Road Construction Warrant #403
    - i. \$100,387.68
    - ii. Approved 3-0.
7. Public Comment
8. Adjourn
  - a. Next meeting will be 5-6pm followed by MDOT hearing.

b. Adjourn - 7:02pm