

**Town of Edgcomb Select Board  
Minutes**

**11/19/2018; 6:00pm**

**Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Sheriff Brackett, Claudia Coffin, Bill Witzell**

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. November 5th, 2018. Approved 2-0 (Jack Sarmanian absent).
3. Sheriff Brackett, Local traffic issues
  - a. Resident from Middle Rd approached board about traffic issues. People have been driving very quickly down the road. It is difficult for her to get out of her own driveway. It has decreased since the summer, but still is an issue. She said they also drive right down the middle of the road as there is not a line in the middle.
  - b. Resident of Dodge Rd spoke and said it's an issue there as well. Difficult for families with kids, pets. There has been a significant increase in traffic.
  - c. Mike stated it is unlikely for there to be traffic lights added on Rt 1, but it is worth suggesting to MDOT.
  - d. Jack invited Sheriff Brackett to discuss traffic as a whole in the town and the peninsula. There are increased events throughout the holiday season, so it is not just the summer anymore. What can be done? How can we entertain the process? What can the community do?
  - e. Mike asked the Sheriff if there could be an increase in surveillance in the area. He said the area is changing gradually, especially Boothbay, and there has been an increase in traffic in the area. This will lead to an increase in traffic on the side roads, which are not designed to handle large volumes. Todd mentioned that he is trying to add more staff which would help with enforcement issues. He also said that some people just need a reminder, possibly some electronic signage. He said the town could paint a line on the road.
  - f. Todd Brackett brought some statistics on accidents in the area. Middle Rd has not been a high accident area - only 1 or 2 accidents in the last year (only reported accidents).
  - g. Sheriff said that it has been difficult to fill deputy spots. They have recently gotten some traffic enforcement grants.
  - h. Janet Blevins asked if it would be possible to get a radar sensing flashing sign next summer. Sheriff said that was definitely possible. He said it is also possible for the town to purchase their own sign.
  - i. The Sheriff said that they need a plan, one thing on it's own will likely not make a difference — line down middle of the rd, electronic speed limit sign, increased enforcement, speed bumps, etc. He said they will work with MDOT and the town to do what it takes to keep things safe.
  - j. Mike asked about opioids in Edgcomb. Sheriff Brackett said that there is not a town in Lincoln County that has not been impacted. Mike said that the town is trying to create a waterfront area via Woodend fund - would this promote unsavory activities? Mike said any parking lot in town has been an issue. Sheriff Brackett said that many towns have had this problem – they have worked with town on local enforcement, lighting, gates, etc. Sheriff said that he would not want the town to not pursue their goals because of

this issue - there are options. Mike said they would look to the sheriff to help design parking lot to dissuade bad behavior.

- k. Claudia Coffin asked if there has been any issues on the Schmidt Preserve. Sheriff Brackett said that there has not been any specific issues related to opioids, but it could happen anywhere.
4. Old Business
- a. TIF discussion / Special Town Meeting
    - i. Claudia Coffin, Town Clerk - had some details to check on the document. Board reviewed Claudia's comments and took note to communicate back to attorney. Attorney John Pottle will be invited to a December Selectboard meeting.
  - b. Lallis Property
    - i. Tabled until next meeting.
  - c. Update of Roof Contract
    - i. Roof will be started this week. Mike will meet with Jared Wednesday morning.
  - d. Historical Society request
    - i. Last meeting the historical society came in to discuss their plans. They wanted to know if there was potential funds available in the Hammond Trust. Both trusts have decreased and not all funds are expendable. Claudia will investigate and we will discuss next week. Mike would also like to make sure the historical society has a plan b. Discussion tabled until more info is available on Hammond Fund.
    - ii. Claudia mentioned the town needs to bind their records, typically towns do one volume at a time as it is so expensive. Claudia will get an estimate. Board will ask if this can be added to the TIF. There are approximately 5 volumes that are in need.
  - e. Cross Pt Rd Drainage
    - i. Scott will keep an eye on the situation and treat it with sand and salt. If there becomes a further issue then he will contact selectboard for advisement.
5. New Business
- a. Ted had a meeting with MMA this week to discuss Workers Comp. It will be resubmitted.
  - b. Letter came in mail - a request for \$695 New Hope for Women as a yearly donation. This is a \$95 increase, the first increase in many years.
  - c. Lifeflight put in a request. Jack will call them - they will need to put in a petition to be part of the social request process.
  - d. Mike mentioned that he saw in the local paper an article about marijuana in Damariscotta. It stated that regulations will be the power of the town. Mike would like to have a discussion with the Planning Board next meeting.
  - e. Flags need to be removed from the veterans cemetery.
6. Fire Department
- a. EMA Director, Bill Witzell
    - i. Bill would like to appoint Roland Abbott as Edgecomb EMA Deputy Director. Bill will be traveling often and wants to make sure that the town has a backup. Board voted honor Bill's request and puts forward Roland Abbott as Edgecomb EMA Deputy Director.
  - b. Letter was received from safety works. Certain outlets were supposed to be GFI outlets and they weren't. They have now been fixed.

- c. Mike noted that abutters have been identified so that they can be contacted about clearing trees to assist life-flight safe landings adjacent to fire department.
- 7. Warrants
  - a. General Warrant #11
    - i. School Payables: \$114,583.05
    - ii. School Payroll: \$36,796.19
    - iii. General Expenses: \$81,670.18
    - iv. Total: \$233,049.42
    - v. Approved 3-0.
  - b. Road Reconstruction Warrant # 405
    - i. Total: \$3,356.30
    - ii. Approved 3-0.
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Adjourn - 7:34pm