

Town of Edgecomb Select Board
Minutes
March 11, 2019; 6:30pm

Attendees: Jack Sarmanian, Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Katie Wurtzell (recording secretary), Roy Potter, Claudia Coffin, Janet Blevins

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes from 2/25 approved 3-0.
3. Old Business
4. New Business
 - a. Ask Program Grant - for economic development
 - i. Grant now open. Up to \$2500.
 - ii. Jack will be meeting with Mary Ellen Barnes. Board is interested in using the money for improved signage.
 - iii. Selectmen will be looking into cost of sign.
 - b. Animal Control Officer
 - i. ACO is potentially looking for a replacement due to health issues. They are helping to find a replacement. Going with Lincoln County ACO is cost prohibitive.
 - c. Fire Truck Loan
 - i. Jack signed off on funds for fire truck. The loan is for \$247k, a five year note at 3% interest. \$23,071 is the total interest cost. First payment is 3/8/20 \$54,149
 - ii. Truck has made it to facility in New Hampshire on Thursday. Roy and team needs to meet truck there to make some finishing touches. Truck will delivered to Edgecomb once complete.
 - d. Engineering Plans for Town Hall
 - i. Mike got an estimate for the creation of plans and design for town hall improvement. This will be for a concrete ramp. The cost of the plans will be \$2500. This will need to go through a formal approval process. Eventually, when the board decided the ramp needs to be replaced, the plan will be ready and will be able to go to bid. This will be a complete compliant ADA accessible ramp. Mike put forth a motion to accept Lincoln Haney's engineering design only for \$2500 (no project management). Approved 3-0.
 - e. Arthur and Crystal Cyr
 - i. Own a property that there is a discrepancy on property size on between records. Mike has forwarded this to the property assessor and they are looking into it.
 - f. Boothbay
 - i. Mike talked to Town Manager of Boothbay about ORC. They were interested in hearing about making a way for a more diverse community to live in town with more affordable housing. Boothbay is also working towards this. Area needs to find a happy medium to attract people. This was originally a proposal from JEDC. This would potentially involve looking into zoning and the comprehensive plan.
 - g. Audit has been returned.
5. Fire Department

- a. Board has asked Roy to start the process of selling the soon be to retired truck. Ted made a motion to authorize Chief Potter to begin the process of selling Engine 4. Approved 3-0. This needs approval via special town meeting (anything up to \$1500 does not need town approval).
 - b. The second truck belongs to the Auxiliary. Whatever they can sell that truck for will be rolled back into the Auxiliary to fund other projects. Selectboard will not be involved in this process.
 - c. One fire truck has a bad radiator and may not take the new pump test. Roy has suggested we take \$6k out to the truck reserve fund to repair. Discussion around if this fund should be used more for maintenance. Roy does not believe that there is a possibility of moving forward with this truck without the repair. He does not think it will pass the pump test. The pump test is expensive so it does not make sense risking to not pass. Ted made a motion to utilize up to \$6k out of the truck reserve fund and authorize Chief Potter to repair Engine 5 radiator. Approved 3-0.
 - d. Roy asked Mike to check back in with the fire department abutters for Life Flight purposes. There are other locations that the fire department have designated as Life Flight purposes. Fields, etc., are good locations. Needs to be 100' by 100'
6. Warrants
- a. General Warrant #19
 - i. Payroll: \$32,356.87
 - ii. School Payables: \$92,931.99
 - iii. General Expenses: \$63,538.67
 - iv. Total: \$188,827.53
 - v. Approved 3-0.
 - b. Waste Water Warrant #109
 - i. Total \$1,648
 - ii. Approved 3-0.
7. Update on Broadband, Janet Blevins
- a. Municipal broadband
 - i. Janet believe that in order for a town to be successful in asking for broadband you need 3 people, 1 supporting selectman, 1 tech savvy person, and you need someone in town to raise support. Without this it will not work. 30 or 35 people responded to the survey, not enough to really help in the meeting. The ConnectME grant from ~10 years ago installed fiber optic along River Road unfortunately got a lower subscription rate than before and did not make money.
 - ii. There are two Consolidated Communication terminals in town, the farther a home is from these locations the slower the connection. Low subscription currently to Consolidated Communications. Cost is likely a factor. Many people who did respond to survey did not think what they are getting is worth the cost which is concerning to the investors.
 - iii. There are places that they think they can cover but they do not. This was the intention of the ConnectME. Janet would like to look into if it was supposed to be covered by the grant and if not is there any leverage.
 - iv. There will be pressure on internet providers to follow through.
 - v. Janet believes if there were more survey responses there would be more things to do, she feels it is unlikely Edgecomb will make it onto this grant.

- vi. Janet would like to see if at Town Meeting if there is an opportunity to come up with a better plan. Mike suggested also the possibility including a note in the August tax bills. Unless there is a groundswell from the community Janet does not believe there is much to be done at this time. Jack would like this to be a topic at town meeting.
- vii. The state feels a location is underserved if you are getting less than 10MB down and 1MB. The ideal recommendation is 10MB down and 10MB up. ConnectME will not get involved unless area is not served or underserved.

- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Adjourn - 7:45pm