

**Town of Edgecomb Select Board  
Minutes  
July 29, 2019; 6:00 PM**

**Attendees:**

Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith – Select Board Members  
Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary  
Steven Greeley, Mike LaPlante – Invited guests from ME Dept. of Labor

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of Minutes  
Amend item 6 by adding name of local pub, Cook's Landing;  
Jack made a motion to approve as amended; Ted seconded. Approved as amended 3-0.
3. Fire Department
  - Steven Greeley and Mike LaPlante of the Workplace Safety and Health Division of the Maine Dept. of Labor presented Fire Chief Roy Potter with a Safety and Health Award for Public Employees. This award is the result of an inspection process initiated by Potter. Greeley emphasized these awards are not given lightly and that their inspection found no areas of concern, needs for improvement, or further inspections at the Fire Dept.
4. Tax Rate 2019/2020
  - Residents received their 2019 tax bills this week. Jack said that because of school, FD, and road costs, taxes increased 8.6% over 2018. The current mil rate is \$18.57, about a 9% increase over the \$17.55 mil rate of last year.
  - Ted commented that while all warrant items were valid, he is concerned about the tax increase and its impact on the citizens of the town. He suggested that there should be a committee formed to develop a vision for where Edgecomb wants to go and to make some long-term recommendations.
  - Jack said he will work carefully with the various departments this year as they prepare their budgets.
  - Claudia Coffin suggested that there might be a consultant in town to help study what the town can sustain.
  - Janet Blevins of the Budget Committee suggested that SB should look for ways to involve town residents in the budget process before the Annual Town Meeting. Jack agreed that we should encourage citizens' responsibility for involvement in the budget process.
5. Old Business
  - Ted said Peter Gagnon completed his purchase of the fire truck.
  - Claudia Coffin has a list of appointments that she wished to table until the next meeting so that the SB could have conversations with appointees.
6. New Business
  - Jon Turcotte of Glidden Point Farm Store Inc. asked SB to review and approve his application to the State for a liquor license to serve beer and wine at his outdoor venue,

where he is also planning to sell food and provide occasional live entertainment. Mike expressed that this business might engage with the town's Waterfront Committee to discuss ideas for future waterfront activity on the Damariscotta River.

- After reviewing the application, Mike made a motion to approve. Ted seconded. Approved 3-0.

Mike announced the following items of New Business:

- Scott Griffin plans to start roadwork on Cross Point Rd.
- A local resident reported that headstones in the Union Cemetery needed repair and offered to cover the costs. Mike will follow up with this resident.
- The Community Church on Cross Point Rd. will hold an Edgecomb Day on Sept. 8 from 2 – 4 PM.
- The TH will be rented to D. Albright on Sept. 20 for a graduation celebration.
- The Economic Development Committee will meet with MaryEllen Barnes to discuss a grant to create a brochure for the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center.
- A resident called with a dog issue and wondered who the contact person is. Claudia said she believes David is still under contract as the Dog Officer in town.
- Condolences were expressed to the Nutt family on the death of Judith Sandick.

#### 7. Warrants

- General Warrant #3

Schools – Payroll	\$21,018.94
Schools – Payables	\$65,436.06
General Expenses	\$56,227.90
TOTAL	\$142,682.90
- Ted moved to accept; Mike seconded. Approved 3-0

#### 8. Public Comment

- SB offered congratulations to the FD on the SHAPE Award.
- Roy Potter said that Water's Edge requested an inspection of their plan to install a fixed sprinkler under their deck. Roy wants to stipulate that there be no open flame on top of the deck (such as grill, torches, etc.) where the sprinkler would not be effective.

#### 9. Adjourn