

Town of Edgecomb Select Board
AGENDA
Nov. 18, 2019, 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith – Select Board Members
Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of 11/4 Minutes
 - Jack suggested a correction to wastewater items; Ted motion to accept with correction; Mike second; Approved 3-0.
3. Discussion of wastewater charges
 - Jack said David Beauchamp of Ted Berry & Co. will attend the Dec. 2 hearing on the wastewater rates as an informational resource. He conducted our wastewater maintenance in 2016 and will complete the process again in 2021.
 - Jim Lamson, a Davis Island wastewater customer, asked for clarification about the difference between Wiscasset rates and Edgecomb's rates. He would also like to hear justification for an increase in the Edgecomb wastewater rates. After much discussion of the original rate structure plan, current billing, and Edgecomb's wastewater maintenance fund, it was decided that the SB should discuss further with Chris Cossette of the Wiscasset Water District. This discussion will occur prior to the Dec. 2 Public Hearing.
4. Mike outlined a plan for the upcoming meeting on Dec.7 with town residents about discussion of topics facing town governance within the next 5-10 years. The plan will help establish direction for the SB and provide continuity, no matter who is on the Board.
 - The meeting will be held Dec. 7 at 10:00 at the EES; coffee at 9:30.
 - The plan is for three rotating groups to discuss questions regarding Town administration, options for coordinating Town operations, and ideas for updating the Town Hall building.
 - Barbara will prepare a press release about this meeting and send it to Jane and Jessica for posting this week.
5. Old Business
 - Ted renewed Workman's Comp insurance. He is working on a draft of a transitional work program that will enable us to lower our insurance premium.
 - Mike reported that Scott Griffin is waiting for quotes to repair the salt shed, which was damaged in the last storm.
 - Mike will follow up with the County Sheriff on our issues with false alarms triggered by residential security systems and speeding on our roads.
6. New Business
 - Mike reported that Samantha Hinman forwarded 3 quotes for the printing of the Edgecomb brochure, along with her recommendation that we hire JS McCarthy Printers of Augusta. Mike made a motion to recommend 2000 copies at a cost of \$645.82 to be printed by JS McCarthy; Ted second; Approved 3-0.

- Jack mentioned that he received an email from JEDC asking if Edgecomb wished to join their efforts this year.
- Mike said a group of volunteers removed the flags from veteran's graves, as is customary before winter. He suggested that we pursue information about Wreaths across America and their travels through Maine. If they travel Route 1, we might have a group honor them as they pass, waving these flags.
- Edgecomb Town Hall needs a new flag. Mike suggested also flying a Maine state flag below the American flag in honor of the Bicentennial. There is a version of the 1901 original Maine flag available and also a special Bicentennial flag available. The SB will review both and make a recommendation.
- Mike is pursuing solar options in Edgecomb. The town buildings use less than \$10,000 of energy per year and may not qualify for solar installations. But perhaps a solar farm on the Lallis property? Solar companies lease the land and can generate up to about \$75,000 of revenue to the landowners.
- Bill Witzell requested that he be authorized to spend \$40 per month from his existing EMA budget to pay for a data plan that will allow him to use his new tablet for communication during emergencies with surrounding towns.
- Bill also introduced a new interface called Code Red that allows the public to subscribe to safety and other government announcements at no cost. For example, it would allow communication about road closures during storms or other emergencies. Mike suggested that this information be publicized at the upcoming meeting with town residents and also on the website.
- Janet Blevins reported that there is a new initiative being offered by the LCRPC that provides free classes on basic computer and Internet skills. The classes are free and can be provided in a Town location or at the LCRPC office in Wiscasset. Mike suggested that Janet give this presentation to the School Committee at their upcoming meeting.
- Claudia reported computer server problems in her offices. The computer has been replaced and they are in the process of catching up with work such as car registrations.
- Claudia requested the SB confirm 2 appointments:
 1. Ken Vinal – Licensed Plumbing Inspector:
Mike motion to accept; Ted second; Approved 3-0
 2. Ken Vinal – 911 Addressing Officer
Mike motion to accept; Ted second, Approved 3-0

7. Warrants – Ted reported on the following Warrants:

- Warrant #11 General

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| Schools – Payables | \$35,810.32 |
| Schools – Payroll | 45,162.70 |
| General Expenses | 101,490.72 |
| TOTAL | \$182,463.74 |

- TIF Warrant #204 2,175.15

8. Public Comment (None)

9. Adjourn – 7:35 PM