

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

Dec. 16, 2019, 6:00 PM

Attendees:

Jack Sarmanian, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith – Select Board Members

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

David Turin – David's Restaurants

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of 12/2 Minutes
 - Ted motion to approve as presented; Mike second; approved 3-0
3. Sewer rates declaration and signing of the Letter of Agreement
 - Jack opened the discussion on the sewer rate by referring to a handout, Sewer Billing Calculation Summary. The new rate was developed through a process including the Select Board in close collaboration with Chris Cossette and the Town Auditor, Fred Brewer. The monthly rate increase will be 20%, which is lower than Wiscasset's increase, and will amount to a \$5.47 increase from \$27.36 to \$32.83 for up to 300 cf per month. The increase will cover expenses including consumption, billing services, and sewer maintenance on an annual basis.
 - Best way to take care of pipe is to do it annually; will likely be done in 2021; inspections will determine that the pipe is functioning to fullest ability for the protection and safety of the Sheepscot River.
 - Suggestion by a resident that users could install a meter that gauges how much water consumption is NOT going through the sewer pipe (outdoor use such as landscaping, cleaning, etc; owner could receive a credit for this).
 - Chris Cossette submitted a Letter of Agreement to set Edgecomb sewer rate; Mike made a motion to approve the letter; Ted second; Approved 3-0. Select Board members signed the letter.
4. Introduction of David Turin of David's Restaurant
 - David Turin of David's Restaurants of Portland and South Portland reported that he plans to open a year-round restaurant at the Water's Edge. He plans to close on the purchase in December and begin renovations in early January with the goal of opening in mid April.
 - The restaurant will have about 115- 120 seats and include a roof deck. Menu will be similar to his other venues, and he plans to serve lunch and dinner.
 - Mr. Turin has been impressed by the very positive response from town officials and residents about this new venture.

5. Recap Town Discussion on 12/7

- Jack summarized the Town Discussion as well-attended and a productive discussion of where we are now and where we would like to go. He felt the discussion stimulated the thought process about several issues and credited Mike for organizing the event.
- Mike summarized the 3 topics discussed (possible changes to town administration, road crew, and Town Hall building). He said the next step is to determine by year-end what topics might be important to entertain during the next budget cycle.
- Mike reiterated the need for more town residents to be involved in discussions and on committees, especially school parents and other young residents. In 10 years the EES, the Fire House, and the roads will be paid for. What do residents want our goals to be?
- Jack would like to define a thought process enacted by the community that includes discussion followed by exploratory research and follow-up.
- Ted mentioned that although the Town discussion included many different opinions, the discussion was very civil and respectful.

6. Budget Committee charge for 2020

- Jack invited Jack Brennan to the SB meeting on 12/30, where Jack S. will appoint the 2020 Budget Committee. Jack S. will follow up with members from last year to gauge their interest in serving again.
- Jack Brennan said he would like to begin with a meeting of all departments to hear their current and future needs.

7. Trees for possible removal on Eddy Rd.

- Bob Zak sent photos of trees at the intersection of Eddy Rd and Fort Rd. that need to be removed. The trees are dead and/or leaning on other trees. As Eddy Rd is a State Road, Mike will contact DOT to discuss.

8. Old Business

- Mike talked with the Road Commissioner about storm damage to River Road and Merry Island Rd, where there was considerable washout.
- Scott Griffin has not received a third bid for repair to the salt shed. Mike will follow up with Scott on two existing bids to get work done soon.
- Ted reported that the following warrants were accepted and processed:
TIF 203, 204
Road Reconstruction 401
General 10,11

9. New Business

(None)

10. Warrants – Ted reported on the following Warrants:

- General Warrant #13

Schools – Payroll	\$35,619.04
Schools – Payables	70,448.06
Gen. Expenses	102,705.78
TOTAL	\$208,772.88

Ted motion to approve the warrants as presented; Mike second; Approved 3-0.

- Road Reconstruction Warrant #402 \$3832.00

Ted motion to approve warrant; Mike second; Approved 3-0

11. Public Comment

- Resident Skip White suggested that a barrier might be needed to prevent northbound cars from passing cars turning onto Eddy Rd. from Rt 1. The passing cars present a danger to oncoming southbound vehicles as well as cars entering Rt 1 at Eddy Rd. Yellow poles might pose a visual as well as a physical barrier. Skip will follow up with a name of DOT contact.
- Jack Brennan mentioned a similar incident where an accident nearly occurred involving a passing car and a car turning southbound on Rt. 1 from Eddy Rd.
- Roy Potter commented that the yellow poles would be a hazard to fire trucks as they passed vehicles in an emergency. Mike will follow up to see if there is a solution to this problem.
- Roy Potter mentioned that leaves are not being cleaned up from the Fire House. Jack will follow up with the Road Commissioner.

12. Adjourn 7:07 PM