

# Town of Edgecomb Select Board

## MINUTES

Jan. 13, 2020, 6:00 PM

### ATTENDEES:

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

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

Nancy Carleton – Real Estate Agent

Keith Laser – Supt. AOS 98

Marc Roy – Berry, Talbot and Royer Accounting firm

Fred Brewer, CPA – Edgecomb's Auditor

1. Pledge of Allegiance
  - Mike opened the meeting by expressing condolences to Edgecomb resident Deb Beam's family and friends. There will be a memorial for Deb on 1/18, followed by a reception at the Eddy School.
2. Approval of 12/31 Minutes
  - Ted made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted; Mike second; Approved 3-0
3. Nancy Carleton – Lallis property offer
  - Ms Carlton delivered a signed offer for the sale of the 3-acre parcel of the Lallis property. The buyer is offering \$22,500 for the property, which was on the market for \$25,000. He wishes to start a home business (machine shop) and needs to confirm that this use of the property is acceptable; he wants 7 business days to confirm. After closing costs are deducted, the estimated cash to Edgecomb is \$20,350.50.
  - Ted made a motion to accept the offer; Mike seconded; offer accepted 3-0.
4. Berry, Talbot, and Royer: AOS 98 Accounting Firm
  - Keith Laser explained that the School District has hired an outside accounting firm to handle all financial processes related to the schools in the district, work that was previously done by Kathleen Pearce, Finance Manager for the AOS.
  - The accounting firm will set up an EIN and checking account into which Edgecomb will forward funds on a monthly basis to be used for all EES expenses.

- There was discussion about new processes that will impact the work of Claudia Coffin.
- Ted asked if the new system would provide any cost savings, and Dr. Laser responded that comparing the cost of the work done by the district's finance manager with the work done by the accounting firm would "be a wash."
- Ted made a motion to allow the accounting firm to obtain an EIN and open a checking account; Mike second; approved 3-0.
- The SB awaits information about the wording for a motion before they can vote to approve the new system.

#### 5. Spirit of America Award

- Mike suggested Edgecomb residents Lisa and Joe McSwain be awarded the Spirit of America for their extensive volunteerism and hard work in support of the community. Both Lisa and Joe have served in a wide variety of elected and voluntary capacities including the School Committee, the Planning Board, the Comprehensive Planning Committee, the Budget Committee, and the Historical Society. Mike declared, "The award is not big enough for them!"
- Mike made a motion to award the Spirit of America to Joe and Lisa McSwain; Jack seconded; approved 3-0.

#### 6. Boothbay Land Trust letter

- The Boothbay Landtrust has sent Edgecomb a voluntary contribution in the form of a check for \$500. This gift is a token of their appreciation to the Town for its role in helping them to preserve the natural resources and character of the area. The BRLT is a non profit that provides free public access to over 35 miles of trails through forests, fields, and along waterways.
- Jack Brennan suggested that this gift be forwarded to the Schmid preserve.
- Residents will vote to accept this gift at the next Town Meeting.

#### 7. Old Business

- The SB would like to meet with a DOT representative regarding technical advice for the Eddy Rd. Jack will call them to request that a representative attend a SB meeting on a date in the near future.
- Salt Shed – quote has been submitted to Insurance Company; they would like to meet with Trask (contractor selected to do the work) to discuss the scope of the project. The planned work is about 3 weeks out. Scott and Mike are working on temporary fixes to stop rain leaking in. Mike suggests insurance reimbursement for this work as well.

8. New Business

- Jack discussed adjustment to the SB meeting schedule for the remainder of this month, as he and Ted will be away. The SB meeting on 1/27 is cancelled, Ted and Mike will hold a meeting on Thursday 1/23 to do the Warrants.

9. Warrants – Ted presented the following Warrants for approval:

General Warrant # 15

Schools Payroll	\$35,803.55
Schools Payables	51,908.33
General Expenses	21,760.99
TOTAL	\$109,472.87

Ted motion to accept; Mike second; Approved 3-0

Road Reconstruction Warrant #403

\$281.40

Ted motion to accept; Mike second; Approved 3-0

10. Public Comment

- Bill Witzell discussed need for good communication between Budget Committee and FD going into the Town Meeting. Jack S. stated the communication needs to go both ways, with cost centers clearly delineated in the FD budget.

11. Adjourn 7:27 PM