

# Town of Edgecomb Select Board

## MINUTES

Feb. 24, 2020, 6 PM

### Attendees:

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

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

Robert Betts, DOT

Dave Hewins, Central Maine Coast Recovery

Deb Eton, Forrest Carver, Edgecomb Historical Society

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of 2/10 Minutes

Ted made a motion to approve; Mike seconded with one correction; Approved with correction 3-0.

3. DOT Representative Robert Betts and resident Skip White

- Skip White suggested installing yellow markers, or bollards, on Rt. 1 North before the Eddy Rd intersection. These might prevent northbound vehicles from passing on the left of vehicles turning right onto Eddy Rd. Roy Potter raised the concern that we need to consider how emergency vehicles will get through especially in traffic season. The DOT will pursue the idea of installing bollards on a seasonal basis (summer). The consensus was that this is a simple, inexpensive, and effective way to reduce accidents at this intersection.
- Mike asked about other upcoming DOT projects. The project at the intersection of Rt. 1 and Rt 27 (California T) is scheduled to start this summer. The Eddy Rd project (curves) is also scheduled to start this summer.
- Mike discussed the intersection of Eddy Rd and Rt 27: often vehicles heading north take this turn at a very high rate of speed. He wondered if the DOT could make this a 90 degree turn to slow traffic. Rob Betts said the State would want the town to partner financially in a project like this. Further exploration of this idea is pending and will include the Road Commissioner.
- Mike said there are dead trees on Fort Rd. that should be removed by the DOT.

4. Representatives from Central Maine Coast Recovery
  - This company recovers money from Insurance Companies for the cost of fire department responses. They work with the FD through a computer portal to calculate costs and then bill insurance companies. They get 20% of any recovery fee and the Town gets 80%. Average insurance company claims for these expenses is \$800-\$1200.
  - Might be a good way to absorb some taxpayer burden, put money into apparatus funding, etc.
  - CMCR is currently working with the towns of Waldoboro, Waterboro, Fairfield, Skowhegan, and Holden among others.
  - Mike suggested tabling this topic for further discussion at the next meeting, after reviewing CMCR documents.
  
5. Deb Eton and Forrest Carver from Edgecomb Historical Society requested \$2500 from the Hammond Fund to help the EHS move forward on their list of projects. The response from the SB was that available money from the HF has been nearly depleted by mowing of cemeteries. Forrest requested that the EHS be exempt from the \$50 rental fee for holding their meetings at the TH. The response from the SB was no. Mike expressed that the EHS is valuable to the community, and the issue of funding will be discussed further with the Budget Committee.
  
6. Coastal Community Grant – available through LC Regional Planning Board. Jack will follow up on this grant.
  
7. Old Business – none
  
8. New Business
  - Mike mentioned a letter from a citizen who is concerned about several properties in town; Mike will follow up with Ken Vinal, Code Enforcer.
  - The SB and Budget Comm will meet with the School Comm on 2/27.
  - The SB will meet with the Budget Committee on 3/9.
  - There will also be an open discussion about the budget with interested citizens on 3/9 at 6:45. Mike said this will be an “informational conversation prior to finalizing the budget.”

9. Warrants – Ted presented the following warrants

- General Warrant #18 \$745,801.00  
(includes the first of several large disbursements for the school under the new AOS system)  
Ted, motion to accept; Mike second; Approved 3-0
- Road Reconstruction (General Fund) \$22,144.69  
Ted motion to accept; Mike second; Approved 3-0

10. Public Comment – none

11. Executive Session – none

12. Adjourn 7:10 PM