

# Town of Edgecomb Select Board

## MINUTES

May 4, 2020, 6:00 PM

Because of state-mandated precautionary restrictions during the COVID-19 outbreak, the Select Board conducted this meeting via online conferencing.

### ATTENDEES:

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

#### 1. Approval of 4/20 Minutes

Jack made a motion to approve; Mike seconded with correction of name.  
Roll call vote: JS yes; TH yes; MS yes

#### 2. New Business

- Town Hall closure is in effect until end of May. Officers will follow directives from Governor Mills's office.
- Primary Elections are planned for July 14; Claudia has surveyed her volunteers and the vast majority replied they will be available. She also has completed her assessment of need for PPE and submitted it.
- Town Meeting will be on hold until rules for gatherings over 50 are ended. Claudia suggests we try to get the meeting in before commitment (August); if not, we will resort to use of the surplus or loans as needed to pay town's bills.
- Memorial Day: Flags will be planted on veterans' graves by volunteers this year and will not involve the EES sixth graders. In addition, the American Legion has offered to do a small formal ceremony at the TH as they do in all towns on the Peninsula. Jack will confirm the date and time of the ceremony.
- Deb Boucher is in the process of setting up a procedure to register boats online. When the system is ready to go, there will be instructions posted on the Town website.
- Ted Hugger is in the process of procuring a new phone line for Deb Boucher as she conducts town business from home. Notification of her new number will be posted on the website.
- A new Dell computer has been purchased (\$577.00) for the Tax Collector, Deb Boucher, to use at home during the TH closure. After she returns to the TH, the computer will be used as a back-up for town officers.

### 3. Old Business

- Jack said a potential buyer, Mr. Schmal, is working with a realtor to help him pursue a purchase of the Lallis property. Mike would like to explore this idea with the Conservation Commission, as he would like to get this property back on the tax roles. The topic of the sale of the Lallis property has been tabled until further discussion with interested parties can be conducted.
- ASK Grant for architectural study of TH improvements: the cancellation of Town Meeting makes it difficult to accept the grant at this time. Jack read a letter from ME Barnes outlining a process of commitment with a possibility of extending the end date. Jack will continue to pursue discussion with LCRPC about extending this valuable grant.
- Mike spoke with Mr. Nutt about the Asst Harbormaster nomination and filled out and signed the necessary paperwork. Mike nominated David Nutt as Asst Harbormaster for the duration of the existing term that ends 6/20; Jack seconded. Roll call vote: JS yes; TH yes; MS yes.
- It was suggested that the 2019 Town Report be dedicated to local citizens who have been front line workers and helpers during the COVID 19 pandemic. Town Officers will write some ideas about this and forward to Barbara to write the Dedication. The Town Report cover will include a photo of the Town Hall.

### 4. Warrants – Ted submitted the following warrants for approval:

- General Warrant #23               \$155,617.59 (transfer into TIF)  
Roll call vote: JS yes; TH yes; MS yes
- TIF #207                               \$82,896.78  
Roll call vote: JS yes; TH yes; MS yes

### 5. Jack asked for any additional input:

- Ted expressed his deep concern for the business environment and the financial wellbeing of our residents during the closures resulting from the global pandemic. He predicts we could find ourselves with a considerable budget shortfall and should forewarn key departments.
- Claudia Coffin summarized a recent MMA webinar about local and state budgeting in the corona virus crisis. She cautioned that it will be difficult to make accurate projections. Investment earnings will be lower; excise taxes and state revenue sharing may be down. Costs, such as social services and general assistance may be up. When asked a question about what happens if we cannot have a Town Meeting, Claudia responded that we can stay on last year's budget until 12/31/20.

### 6. Adjourn 6:55

