

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

August 10, 2020, 6:00 PM

Attendees:

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

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

Steve Lewis, Kurt Crosby of BRRDD

Lisa and Joe McSwain – Spirit of America award winners

1. Approval of 7/27 Minutes
 - Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.
2. Discussion with Steve Lewis from BRRDD
 - Jack asked Steve to discuss the current and future picture for Edgecomb's refuse disposal and recycling. Steve said Fiberight is in receivership. There are 4 parties interested and Steve is optimistic that the plant will be functioning again, but he does not know when. Meanwhile, Edgecomb's refuse is being sent to a landfill in Norridgewock, as it is the closest waste management facility to Edgecomb.
 - Mike asked about fees and Steve predicts refuse fees will continue to increase. He explained that costs are fixed; the only ways to reduce fees would be to cut hours of operation or reduce staff, both of which he is reluctant to do.
 - In response to a question from Ted, Steve said the Giles operation has picked up.
3. Mike awarded the 2020 Spirit of America Award to Joe and Lisa McSwain. He expressed gratitude for their extensive volunteer work on behalf of Edgecomb.
4. Old Business
 - Race property - Ted opened two sealed bids from abutters. Steve Gagnon offered \$6025 and Mrs. Potter offered \$8585.85. Mike motioned to award the parcel to Mrs. Potter; Ted seconded; Approved 3-0. The town lawyer will prepare a Quit Claim deed.
 - Lallis property - offer was received and Jack tabled discussion until Executive Session after the SB meeting.

- Public Hearing on Town Warrant - The hearing will be held via Zoom on August 19 at 6:00 PM. Claudia will publish logon details for the meeting in the local papers, on the website, and in a flyer at the PO . Ted and Ira Michaud will moderate the meeting. Jack Brennan suggested that the department heads attend the meeting to help answer questions.
- Publication of voting process this year - Barbara will send a letter to the editor of the Boothbay Register and LCN explaining the process for voting on the warrant articles this year.

5. New Business – none

6. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrants for approval:

- General Warrant #3 \$56,656.82

Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.

- Waste water Warrant #102 \$4703.40

Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.

7. Additional Comments

- Dana Lehouillier, father of an Edgecomb student at the highschool, asked the SB if it could approve a \$6000 contribution to his daughter’s tuition fees at MSSM in Limestone. Mike responded that he would introduce the father to Tom Abello of the School Committee.

Follow-up: Tom Abello spoke with Dr. Laser, who then spoke with Mr. Lehouillier and approved \$6000 to support the student’s tuition.

8. Executive Session: The SB went into ES at 6:35 and came out at 6:53. The purpose of the ES was to discuss a real estate offer. No decisions were made.

9. Adjourn – 6:55