

# Town of Edgecomb Select Board

## MINUTES

August 24, 2020, 6:00 PM

### Attendees:

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

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

Jonathan Turcotte – Glidden Point Oyster Farm

### 1. Approval of 8/10 Minutes

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

### 2. Old Business

- Letter to the community regarding the school budget – Jack stated that the SB is not in agreement with the school budget. To create awareness about this and to generate interest among townspeople in voting on the warrant, the SB sent a letter to the local media outlets. Saturday, August 29, is voting day at the TH between 10:00 and 4:00. Residents can also vote by absentee ballot, which they can obtain by calling Claudia Coffin.
- Public Hearing on 8/19 about Town Warrant – The turnout on Zoom was small, but there were excellent questions and the SB expressed appreciation for the involvement of townspeople.
- Executive Session regarding Lallis property offer – No decisions were made at this time. The sale is being considered in light of further exploration of an existing trail, conservation land easement, and planned right of way.
- Tuition request from Edgecomb parent, Mr. Lehouillier – As a result of a conversation with Mike Smith, Tom Abello spoke with Dr. Keith Laser about Mr. Lehouillier's request for funding tuition for his daughter at MSSM in Limestone, ME. The request was granted.

### 3. New Business

- Glidden Point Oyster Farm general manager, Jonathan Turcotte, requested a renewal of their liquor license for beer and wine. Ted motioned to grant the request; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0. The signed application for renewal will be submitted to the state. Mike suggested that Jonathan or someone else affiliated with Glidden Point Oyster Farm might consider joining the town's Waterfront Committee to represent commercial interests in the Damariscotta River.
- Claudia Coffin suggested the SB meet to complete the worksheet for the upcoming tax commitment. The workshop will be Monday, Aug. 31, at 4:00 PM.
- Claudia Coffin suggested ordering 2 portable voting booths for the November elections, since two of the existing booths at the TH cannot be used because of Covid-19 distancing restrictions. Mike motioned to purchase two voting booths and to cap the purchase and shipping at \$500; Ted seconded; Approved 3-0.

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

- General Warrant #4                      \$635,787.07  
This includes \$447,344 to the School and \$175,221.45 to the bond grant.  
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.

### 5. Additional Comments

- Bill Pearson questioned what would happen if one or more of the articles in the school's budget get voted down. Ted responded that the SB and Dr. Laser would move quickly to arrange a public vote, similar to the Town Meeting format, but focused only on those articles.

### 6. Adjourn – 6:32 PM