Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

September 21, 2020, 6:00 PM

Attendees:

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

1. Approval of 9/8 Minutes

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

2. Warrant data and process

• On 9/28 there will be a Public Hearing via Zoom regarding the new Warrant items related to the School budget before the vote on 10/15. Jack Sarmanian encouraged residents to participate in this Public Hearing so that they understand the process of looking at the School's budget from the taxpayers' perspective.

3. Update on mold issue and school schedule

• The mold problem has been corrected, and Ted Hugger said he is waiting for the report from the insurance company. The EES is open.

4. Public notice correction

• Claudia Coffin reported that the Boothbay Register and its affiliates had printed an incorrect Notice of Public Hearing. The correct notice has been published for the 9/28 Public Hearing.

5. Old Business

- The SB signed the fee schedule proposed by Roy Potter for the Cost Recovery program.
- Mike Smith arranged with land-use attorney John Pottle to advise about trail
 easements on the Lallis property, the process for resolving issue with the grantfunded tennis courts, and possibility of using TIF funds for a childcare facility.

6. New Business

- Bradley Drake of Etna had a problem with transfer of title of an old Edgecomb school bus he purchased from Martin Page. Apparently parts were illegible. Claudia Coffin produced the original title in her files and the SB signed it over to Mr. Drake.
- Mike received a letter from Bob Leone announcing his retirement from the Schmid Preserve Board. He recommended Rick Nelson as a new board member and Lisa McSwain as the new Chair of the board. Jack expressed sincere gratitude to Bob for his longtime commitment and dedication to the Schmid Preserve, and especially to the RiverLink trail. Mike will submit the paperwork for the new positions and request that they be sworn in, along with member Laura Lubelczyk.
- Mike spoke with Colby and Gale and requested that they send a rep to advise about a new furnace for the TH.
- Claudia Coffin discussed a need for a lockbox to be installed at the TH where voters can drop off Absentee Ballots for the November elections. Mike and Ted reinforced that this is an important step to increase voter security. Mike will construct the box by early October.
- Claudia accepted a scanner/tabulator from the state to assist in counting our ballots.
- 7. Warrants: Ted presented the following Warrants for approval
 - General Warrant #6 \$262,591.95 Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.

8. Additional Comments

• Jack Sarmanian announced that the next SB meeting on Oct. 5 would be his last. He has sold his house and will be moving to southern Maine. Jack has served on the Edgecomb Select Board for the past 13 years. He said he is proud to have served with such able and dedicated town leaders and volunteers. A new SB member will be elected in December.

9. Adjourn 7:00 PM