

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

October 5, 2020, 6:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

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

1. Approval of 9/21 Minutes

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

2. New Business

- DOT projects – the SB received a letter from the DOT stating that two Edgecomb projects are still scheduled to begin this fall. One project will improve the narrow curve on Eddy Rd. and the other will provide a Florida T pattern to allow for making a safer left turn onto Rt 1 at the junction with Rt Rt 27. No start dates were given.
- Public Hearing – On Sept 28 the SB held a Public Hearing to answer questions about the new Warrant that is up for voting on Oct. 15. The Warrant includes revised articles related to the EES as well as one new article that moves the tax due date to 11/30/20. There is also a correction to an article related to road paving: Cross Point Road has been changed to Mill Rd. The Select Board promotes voting Yes on all these articles.
- October 15 – There will be a referendum vote on the new Warrant on October 15 from 1:00 - 7:00 PM. at the Town Hall.
- November elections – Claudia Coffin advocates taking advantage of the State's offer to provide a lockbox for absentee ballots. The State will cover the \$500 cost of the box through federal Cares Act funds. The town will cover the installation costs.

3. Old Business

- Schmid Preserve Committee – Mike submitted paperwork for the installation of the following new committee members
 1. Jim Beam thru 6/30/23 – Mike motioned to accept; Ted seconded; Approved 3-0.
 2. Laura Lubelczyk thru 6/30/23; Mike motioned to accept; Ted seconded;

Approved 3-0.

3. Rick Nelson will replace Bob Leone as Chair thru the remainder of his term (6/30/21). Mike motioned to accept; Ted seconded; Approved 3-0.

- TH furnace assessment – tabled.
- Jack Sarmanian submitted his letter of resignation after 13 years as Selectman and an additional 8 years on the Budget Committee because he will move out of Edgecomb. The resignation is effective after this Oct. 5 meeting. Mike regretfully motioned to accept the resignation; Ted reluctantly seconded; Approved 2-0.

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

- General Warrant #7 \$9201.40
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.
- Waste Water Warrant #104 \$1445.60
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3-0.

5. Additional Comments

- Jack received a document from the State showing an increase of about \$16M to Edgecomb's assessed value.
- Chief Potter said he got the gutters repaired to the front and back of the fire station. He is awaiting a new phone system.
- Mary Ellen Barnes of Lincoln Cty Regional Planning Committee spoke about her experiences working with Jack Sarmanian over the past 11 years. She described Jack as “dedicated, persistent, thorough, and smart”.
- Ted Hugger and Mike Smith presented Jack Sarmanian with a mantle clock as a gift for his many years of service to Edgecomb. Each spoke about Jack's long history of dedication and thanked him for his service to the town. Mike highlighted the persistence Jack demonstrated in finding the location for the new fire station and getting it built. Ted described Jack as a “true gentleman who knows small town politics.”

6. Adjourn 6:30 PM