

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

November 2, 2020

4:00 PM

ATTENDEES:

Mike Smith, Ted Hugger – Select Board Members

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

1. Approval of 10/19 Minutes

- Ted motioned to approve the Minutes; Mike seconded; Approved 2-0

2. New Business

- Charlie Brown Christmas Tree Contest – The idea is still viable during the pandemic; Ira is discussing decorating the trees with his staff. Barbara Brennan and Janet Blevins will convene the committee to discuss a plan. The judging of trees and the TH event will not occur this year because of state mandated group gathering rules.
- Next steps with land-use attorney – Mike has a call in to John Pottle.
 1. Lallis/RiverLink access – Bob Leone will work with all parties to re-route the trail as necessary.
 2. use of TIF funds for childcare facility – is TIF a funding option?
 3. tennis court – we need to gather info regarding the issue of the court that is now part of the Edgecomb Green.
- Dawn Murray has submitted nomination papers for the open seat on the Select Board. The School Committee will look for someone to appoint to fill her seat until the next town election (May).
- Mike will follow up with the DOT on two projects that are slated to begin this fall: Eddy Rd and Rt. 1/Rt. 27 intersection.
- The DOT notified the SB of a culvert replacement on River Rd.
- Mike discussed two available properties in Edgecomb that include water frontage with Gary Balducci, Conservation Committee Chair. Mr. Balducci walked these properties, but did not find them to be conducive for use by the town.

- Ted will contact the Ordinance Review Committee (Barry Hathorne) to discuss whether we need an ordinance to consider constructing a solar farm on land in Edgecomb. Also will bring up the topic of “inflatable signage” ordinance.
- The SB received a request for the renewal of a liquor license from Sheepscot Harbor Village Resort. Ted motioned to approve the annual liquor license renewal effective 11/18/20. Mike seconded; Approved 2-0,

3. Old Business

- Scott Griffin reported that the paving of the west end of Mill Rd is complete. Mike mentioned that the recently completed road projects are a big accomplishment for our town.
- Mike would like to continue to communicate with the School Committee and Administration about the mold problem and reasons it occurred.
- Mike wondered if the state might be forced to restrict meetings in light of ongoing Covid-19; he would like to discuss how the Zoom meetings could be improved.
- The LCPC Survey needs to be completed by year-end.
- Allen Hersom submitted a letter asking for a renewal of his Town Hall plowing contract. Ted made a motion to accept the contract renewal; Mike seconded; Approved 2-0.
- Mike reminded us of a committee that is identifying all Veterans who have served from all towns on the peninsula. Mike met Chris Almstead, a local veteran, at a recent ceremony. Mr. Almstead volunteered to serve on the committee.

4. Warrants

- General Warrant #9 \$53,813.01 (includes Mill Rd. work)
Ted motioned to accept; Mike seconded; Approved 2-0.
- Waste Water Warrant #105 \$3129.10
Ted motioned to accept; Mike seconded; Approved 2-0.

5. Additional Comments

- Claudia Coffin received a call from a resident concerned that TH staff were not wearing masks.
- Claudia Coffin discussed preparation for the Nov. 3 election, including a person stationed outside to move the line along and person dedicated to sanitizing voting booths after each voter. Also Cooks Landing loaned 3 outdoor propane heaters. Mike expressed concern about using these.
- Jack Brennan raised the topic of referendum voting and the notable increase Edgecomb had in voter participation as a result of the referendum voting

this year. He suggests that the SB consider the pros and cons of referendum voting as compared with in-person annual Town Meetings. Jack mentioned important issues facing the town, such as use of land and resources, economic development, town governance, and budget issues. He said in making decisions about such consequential issues, the SB should look for ways to involve as many people in voting as they can.

- Mike would like to invite the winners of State legislative seats to visit with Edgecomb residents and SB at an upcoming SB meeting.

6. Adjourn 4:41