

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

November 16, 2020, 6:00 PM

The Select Board conducted this meeting remotely using Zoom video conferencing technology. They are taking safety precautions, as there has been a possible exposure to the Covid-19 virus at the Town Hall.

Attendees:

Mike Smith, Ted Hugger – Select Board members

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

1. Approval of 11/2 Minutes

Ted motioned to approve the Minutes; Mike seconded.

Roll call vote: Ted – yes; Mike – yes; approved 2-0.

2. New Business

- Covid-19 update: The Select Board will conduct its meetings via Zoom video conferencing for the near future because of a recent uptick in coronavirus cases in the area. The Town Hall is closed this week. Car registrations and tax collection are on hold for the week. All Department Heads have been notified to hold their meetings virtually. Janet Blevins will also post this notice to the website.
- Election results: Holly Stover won a second term as our local Representative and Chloe Maxmim defeated Senator Dow and is our new Senator. Mike would like to invite these local representatives to a SB meeting after the election of the new SB member in December. He would like them to discuss issues as they pertain to Edgecomb, such as school funding, and existing regulations for small Select Boards.

3. Old Business

- Tennis Court: Mike has received extensive paperwork from the state. He will review and prepare to send it off to Attorney Jon Pottle. Ted and Barbara will lend assistance.
- LCPC Survey: Mike will take the lead on completion of this survey. He hopes to finish it and share it with Ted at the next meeting on Nov. 30.

- Invitation : Mike would like to invite SB candidate(s) to our next meeting for possible Q and A with the public before the election on Dec. 5.
- General Assistance: Jack Sarmanian managed Edgecomb's General Assistance program for many years. Ted will attend a training session with the state on 12/11 to become familiar with the requirements and paperwork involved. He will include the new SB member and Barbara Brennan in this training.
- Bucky Holloway is seeking help from the town through a tax abatement or other remediation for property he purchased on Route 1. He has discovered there are restrictions on developing the property because of an eagle's nest. Ted will discuss appropriate and fair abatement with attorney John O'Donnell. The SB will address Mr. Holloway's request at their next meeting
- EES Mold: Ted reported that although the EES mold problem has been remediated, it was not covered by the school's insurance. No cause for the problem has been determined. Ted would like to discuss with the School Committee why it happened and how to guarantee that the students in the building are safe. The financing of the remediation is also not clear to the SB. Ted will send a letter to Dr. Laser and Tom Abello. Roy Potter, as Public Health Official, said he is also required to meet with the school leaders to determine what caused the mold and how to prevent future mold problems. Roy will contact Tom Abello to arrange a meeting.
- Mike plans to invite the Budget Committee to attend an upcoming meeting to discuss a game plan and also need for an additional member. The SB will take up this topic at their next meeting.

4. Financials

- Financial reports dated 10/31/2020 were submitted. In comparing this report with one from the previous year, Claudia Coffin has "no concerns" about the financial health of the town at this point.

