

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

November 30, 2020, 6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

Attendees:

Mike Smith, Ted Hugger – Select Board Members

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

1. Approval of 11/16 Minutes

- Ted motioned to approve the 11/16 Minutes; Mike seconded.
Roll call vote: Ted yes; Mike yes; Approved 2-0.

2. New Business

- Town Hall building repairs – Scott Griffin repaired a leak in the foundation. Mike recommends cleaning the carpet and painting the downstairs before spring. He would also like to request bids for painting the front side next year. The boiler needs to be inspected by Colby and Gale. Mike will call them again.
- Invite Wiscasset Water District to visit with the SB in January to discuss any changes in service or cost that apply to Edgecomb.

3. Ongoing Business

- Covid update - The TH is open for service, although the door is locked. Committees should still hold their meetings via Zoom until the Covid numbers “slow down.”
- Election on 12/5 for Select Board seat to complete Jack Sarmanian’s term. This will be the 7th election conducted in town during 2020! Mike encourages all to get out and show support for the SB candidate(s). Polls are open from 1:00 – 7:00 PM
- Bill Witzell reported that although he has submitted Covid-related expenses to be covered by federal funds, it seems that only emergency services qualify for reimbursement. Ted recommends contacting our Senator, Susan Collins to discuss reimbursement for \$3400 in Covid-related expenses. Claudia said she can supply details related to all these expenses.
- Chloe Maxmin contacted the SB about visiting the town during an

promote the town with young families by finding ways to offer lower housing prices (maybe smaller lot size). She would also like to look for ways to partner with neighboring towns regarding recreational areas and communicate the strengths of the town's location and businesses.

6. Public Comment

- Claudia Coffin mentioned that Edgecomb residents Jo Cameron and Martha Speed had recipes published in the Maine Bicentennial Cookbook.
- Bill Witzell inquired about the DOT projects slated to begin this fall. Mike said these have been scheduled for spring 2021.

7. Adjourn – 6:45

Edgecomb Board of Assessors
November 30, 2020, 6:47 PM

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The SB considered a tax abatement for Bucky and Pauline Holloway who purchased property for a home and small retail operation on Route 1. The property is bordered by the DOT lot and Peapod Gallery. After the purchase, the Holloways learned that an eagle's nest on the property severely restricts their plans to develop the property.

Attorney John O'Donnell provided a tax map indicating the lot U05-002-03. The property had a real estate value of \$307,880. The Attorney recommended reducing the assessed value to \$100,000, resulting in a reduced tax bill of \$1793.80.

Ted motioned to approve a tax abatement for Bucky and Pauline Holloway for lot U05-002-03, reducing the assessed value of the lot to \$100,000, resulting in a tax bill of \$1793.80. Mike seconded.

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

Ted will notify the Holloways. Ted and Mike will sign the abatement and Claudia will pass it along to the Holloways.

Adjourn: 6:55 PM.

