

# Town of Edgecomb Select Board

## MINUTES

December 14, 2020, 6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

### Attendees:

Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Dawn Murray – Select Board Members

Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

#### 1. Approval of 11/30 Minutes

Ted motioned to accept with one correction; Mike seconded;  
Roll call: TH yes; MS yes; Approved 2-0.

#### 2. The SB welcomed new SB member, Dawn Murray.

#### 3. Senator Chloe Maxmin visited the meeting to discuss priorities of interest to Edgecomb. Senator Maxmin was receptive to and interested in ongoing work regarding the following issues:

- Mike raised the question of allowing conversations among SB members by changing the rule regarding communication outside of meetings.
- Ted mentioned he would like the state to follow through on promises regarding funding.
- Improved internet availability and speed were discussed by Mike, Jack Dexter, and Joe and Lisa McSwain. Senator Maxmin suggested Connect ME as one source for assistance.
- Heather Sinclair of the School Committee and Dawn Murray discussed cuts to state subsidies for the school. They emphasized a need for the state's support especially during emergency situations that arise, such as transportation needs for special ed students. Meeting one student's needs (as mandated by the federal government) can consume the entire school transportation budget.

#### 4. New Business

- Budget Committee planning
  - Mike said with the ongoing Covid restrictions, he would like to plan for a referendum Warrant vote next May. A discussion followed

about the general pros and cons of voting via referendum ballot vs voting live at a Town Hall Meeting. Claudia reiterated that the decision about voting needs to be made early in order to allow time for printing and mailing ballots. A decision about voting for next year's Warrant was tabled until the next meeting.

- Mike charged the Budget Committee with "sharpening their pencils" and beginning discussions about the 2021/22 budget with Department Heads.
  - Mike confirmed Fran Mague will participate in the Budget Committee. Jack is also in discussion with Stein Eriksen and will report back to the SB about his availability.
- Appointments
    - Mike motioned to re-nominate Corey Mullins as an alternate for the Planning Board. Ted seconded. Roll call: TH yes; DM yes; MS yes. Approved 3-0.
    - Mike motioned to approve John Dunlap as a new member of the Planning Board. Ted seconded. Roll call: TH yes; DM yes; MS yes. Approved 3-0.
    - Mike also motioned to appoint each of the following members of the 2021 Budget Committee: Jack Brennan, Joe McSwain, Karen Potter, Janet Blevins, Fran Mague. Ted seconded each. Roll call votes for each: TH yes; DM yes; MS yes. Approved 3-0.
  - Calendar for 2021: following are the dates for the SB meetings through June 2021: 12/28, 1/11, 1/25, 2/8, 2/22, 3/8, 3/22, 4/6, 4/20, 5/3, 5/17, 6/1, 6/14, 6/28. Barbara will add these to the calendar on the website.

## 5. Ongoing Business

- Bob Leone has walked the Lallis property and planned a new trail to access the Riverlink system. Mike will meet with the realtor and his client interested in purchasing Lallis property on Thursday.
- A resident contacted Mike to report that he received a federal fire arms license.
- Claudia Coffin reported the school received \$128,000 in federal Covid-related funding.
- Janet Blevins asked Dawn to represent the SB on the Website Committee. Dawn accepted.
- Heather Sinclair said the School is waiting for the write-up of their meeting with the Town Health Officer regarding the mold problem. The report is in process.

- Dawn reported that she attended training for SB members and also for General Assistance administration. She will take the lead on GA.
- Claudia Coffin reported that she has readjusted the school monthly payments to correct for overpayments. She will print out the changes for the next meeting.

6. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval:

General Warrant # 12                      \$189,078.79

Roll call: TH yes; DM yes; MS yes. Approved 3-0.

7. Public Comments - none

8. Adjourn 7:07