

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

January 11, 2021, 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 12/28 Minutes

Ted moved to accept the Minutes with one correction; Dawn seconded;
Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0

2. New Business

- Representative Stover will visit at the next meeting on 1/25. Mike encouraged all to think about questions, topics for discussion.
- Ted reported that he had been in contact with local government representatives including Rep Stover and Senator Maxmin about funding for Covid expenses that have not been reimbursed. They will follow up with FEMA.
- Lallis property: Mike reported that he and Bob Leone had laid out a satisfactory alternate trail to connect to the Riverlink trail. The Lallis property has 2 lots for sale, one being 28.7 acres and the other 8.6 acres. He has received a purchase and sale agreement for these. The SB will conduct an Executive Session to discuss this offer. There are 38 acres of the Lallis left for the town to use. Mike would like to discuss a solar farm with the Conservation Commission.
- Harbormaster: Dawn Murray has discussed the Harbormaster's role with Corning Townsend. In addition, she will review state statutes for Harbormasters and create a description of expectations that apply to Edgecomb waters. Dawn said that she would like to pursue potential partnerships in managing area waterfront, including Wiscasset and Westport Island. Mike commented we should pay special attention to the Damariscotta River waterfront where there are several business interests. Mike would like to see a long term solution to managing Edgecomb's waterways.

- Mike would like to invite Chris Cossette of the Wiscasset Water District to an upcoming SB meeting. Barbara will contact him.

3. Ongoing Business

- Scott Griffin discussed the ongoing need for repairs to the salt shed. The contractor is waiting for a letter describing the repairs needed to the repair work that he did. The cost of the original repair was \$1150. Ted sent a letter and expects a response by 1/25.
- Dawn motioned to appoint Dr. K. Rohr as the new town Health Officer. Ted seconded. Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.
- Mike received notification from Bruce Flanders that the deadline for nominations for the Spirit of America Award is end of February. The SB will continue to discuss candidates at their next meeting.
- All town related meetings will continue to be conducted via Zoom until restrictions are relaxed by the state's CDC.
- Jack Brennan of the Budget Committee introduced new member Stein Eriksen. Ted motioned to appoint Stein to the Budget Committee; Dawn seconded. Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.
- Jack Brennan reported that the BC had met with officials from the BBRDD. Their budget is not finalized, but may be impacted by the purchase of a new grinder and also the sale of Fiberight to new owners. Mike said that a local newspaper reported unpaid debt and lost rental income at Fiberight. Mike wondered if these costs could come back to the taxpayers.
- The BC will meet with the Planning Board on 1/13 and with the Road Commissioner on 1/27. Jack suggested a meeting with the SB after their next meeting on 1/25.
- The SB will conduct a budget workshop on 1/25 at 4:30, prior to the scheduled SB meeting.
- Mike received a letter through MMA from Kate Dufour reviewing Governor Mills's budget plan for 2022. The plan includes a \$45M increase the education budget, bringing the state's subsidy for K-12 education to 51.8%.
- The School Committee has appointed a new member, Nicole Price, for the remainder of Dawn Murray's term.
- Ted reported on the Charlie Brown Christmas tree decorating this year. While there was no judging or prizes, the EES students decorated several trees at the TH. The SB will use funds from previous CB contests to send a \$100 contribution to the charity of the students' choice and also a contribution of \$50 to the EES garden fund.

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

- General Warrant #14 \$4440.97
Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.
- Waste Water Warrant # 107 \$3302.00
Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

5. Public Comments

- Roy Potter mentioned that we are nearing the end of the contract with the CLC Ambulance service. (We have a 5-year agreement with them.) Ted said we might want to discuss extending their contract. We will invite the CLC Director to an upcoming SB meeting.
- The licensed Edgecomb EMS providers have all been offered the Covid vaccine.
- The FD has purchased a new command vehicle through a donation by a town resident.
- Two fire trucks are awaiting buyers. Mike suggested additional advertising.
- The FD is limiting visits to department personnel and contractors. They have added a new phone system. They also painted part of the building and repaired gutters.

6. Adjourn 7:00