## Town of Edgecomb Select Board

### **MINUTES**

## January 25, 2021

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

**ATTENDEES** 

Mike Smith, Select Board Chair Ted Hugger, Dawn Murray – Select Board Members Barbara Brennan – Recording Secretary

1. Approval of 1/11 Minutes

Ted motioned to approve the Minutes; Dawn seconded.

Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Minutes approved 3-0.

#### 2. New Business

- Representative Holly Stover introduced herself and explained that she serves on two committees: Health and Human Services and Government Oversight. Issues she is interested in include Covid relief for towns, vaccines, roads, broadband coverage, and schools. Following are some discussion highlights with Rep Stover: Dawn expressed need for school funding, especially for transportation for students in special federally mandated programs. Also need for better health care, especially as it relates to mental health services. Ted expressed concern that local businesses may be taxed on PPP and other federal loans. He would like the Legislature to get back in session to encourage debate of these and other issues. Mike said that our state-owned roads need attention, especially Rt. 27. He is also looking for a solution to uneven broadband coverage in town. Jack Dexter of Cod Cove Rd. expressed need for improving internet access in his neighborhood. Rep Stover agreed to write a letter of support for their Connect ME grant application.
- Chris Collette of Wiscasset Water District reported that the District has experienced expense increases, moratoriums, and project slow-downs last year as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. He is in the process of reviewing finances and making projections for this year. He will communicate with the Select Board about expected rate increases that could impact Edgecomb customers.

- Mike will write an RFP to obtain bids for painting front of TH.
- Mike received an application for a lottery offered by the DOT for use of radar speed trailers to monitor speed on town roads and state highways. The application is due by Feb. 19.
- The SB will discuss an offer by Efficiency Maine at the next meeting (use of LED lights and other energy-saving measures).

## 3. Ongoing Business

- Website update: Dawn and Janet Blevins explained that there may be a need for a new website platform that is easier to manipulate. They will research options and look for expert assistance. Stein Eriksen of the Budget Committee has a background in technology and offered his assistance.
- Mike said that land use lawyer, Jon Pottle, has begun taking steps to settle Edgecomb's tennis court issue with the state. Mr. Pottle will keep the SB informed.
- Roy Potter said the auxiliary-owned fire truck that is for sale will be donated to a fire chief in Texas.
- Claudia Coffin arranged for the SB to sign a deed needed to return a foreclosed property to its former owner.
- Ted Hugger mailed a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Hannon about their request for a retroactive tax abatement on Rt. 1 property they formerly owned. Ted's response was based on written advice by John O'Donnell.
- 4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval:
  - Warrant #15 \$266,483.91
    This includes a \$204,629.00 payment for the EES; also includes a \$17,340 reimbursement to the EES for Covid-related expenses.
    Ted motioned to accept the warrant; Dawn seconded.
    Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Warrant approved 3-0.

# 5. Adjourn 7:00