

# Town of Edgecomb Select Board

## MINUTES

February 8, 2021, 6:00 PM

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

Mike opened the meeting at 6:00. He announced daughter McKenzie's birthday. Happy Birthday McKenzie!

#### 1. Approval of 1/25 Minutes

Ted motioned to approve the minutes as written; Dawn seconded.

Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

#### 2. New Business

- The Budget Committee will meet with the School Board on Weds. at 6:00 PM. Mike encouraged interested residents to attend.
  
- Planning Board member Pat Jeremiah has resigned. Ted motioned to appoint Corey Mullin as a voting member to fill the remainder of Ms. Jeremiah's term. Dawn seconded. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.  
Ted then motioned to appoint Roman Peterson as a Planning Board alternate; Dawn seconded. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.
  
- Town Report – Barbara outlined a plan for completing the 2020 Annual Town Report. Following are some key points:
  - March 1 – Committee Reports due to Barbara; Barbara will email all Dept Heads about this task this week
  - March 26 – All Report pieces will be submitted to LCPC
  - April 30 - The printed booklets will be delivered to TH (need to confirm quantity).

- The Warrant WILL be included.
  - The Audit WILL NOT be included. There will be an Addendum later.
  - The SB should think about Dedication and also photo ideas for the front cover
  - Claudia will mark up the 2019 Town Officials page with changes and give to Barbara for inputting.
  - Barbara is available to help write and edit any Report piece as needed.
- Schmid Committee – Lisa McSwain discussed the need to have the Schmid’s Management Plan updated. The plan was created 20 years ago by Midcoast Forestry. An updated plan would allow selective cutting to improve the health of the forest and also allow planning for fire safety. The cost of updating the management plan is \$7200. Lisa wants to apply for a matching grant for \$3600, and also use \$2000 of available Schmid funds. She asked that the town provide the remaining \$1600. The grant application is due March 12. Lisa needs a letter saying the town can match the grant.

Ted motioned to authorize the Schmid preserve to receive up to \$1600 from the town’s legal fund, contingent upon the successful awarding of the \$3600 grant. Dawn seconded; Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

Lisa said the new management plan, along with plans for endowing the Schmid, will help the Preserve become self-sustaining. Rebecca Schaffner, was appointed by the SB to fill Jim Beam’s position on the Schmid Committee. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0. Lisa will inform Rebecca and ask her to report to the TH to be sworn in.

- Request letters from non-profits – There was discussion about whether to require signatures for nonprofits seeking funding from the town, especially during the pandemic. Jack Brennan spoke in favor of allowing previous year’s signatures to stand with the Community Center’s request for funding. The SB decided to continue the policy of requiring signatures.

### 3. Ongoing Business – Mike briefly discussed the following items:

- The SB will make Spirit of America nomination by the end of February.
- The SB needs to seek update from Chris Cossette about water rate changes.
- The SB is working with the Cod Cove Rd resident Jack Dexter to provide a letter supporting their grant application with ConnectME.
- Mike is working up an RFP for painting of the TH.
- The EES is seeking bids for roofing project.

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

General warrant #16                      \$14,404.25

Ted motioned to approve; Dawn seconded.

Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0

Waste water warrant #108              \$31.20

Ted motioned to approve; Dawn seconded.

Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0

5. Public Comments

- Janet Blevins offered to post the Budget Committee meeting with School Comm zoom link on the website.
- Claudia Coffin said nomination papers are available at the TH. She also requested approval for a 2020 tax abatement for Katherine Dempski. Ted motioned that for Lot# U06029614, the Board would reduce the property valuation by \$21,250, resulting in tax abatement of \$381.18. Dawn seconded. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

6. Adjourn      7:15 PM