

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

March 22, 2021, 6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

ATTENDEES

Mike Smith, Select Board Chair

Ted Hugger, Select Board Member

Dawn Murray, Select Board Chair

Barbara Brennan, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of 3/8 Minutes

- Ted motioned to approve the Minutes; Dawn seconded. Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

2. New Business

- Mike announced the SB will resume meeting at the Town Hall beginning on April 5. Protocols will be followed, and number of participants will be held to a minimum. It was suggested that the meeting also conducted over Zoom so that others could participate. The SB will confirm this and notify the public through a website announcement.
- Broadband discussion: Jack Dexter from Cod Cove Rd. asked that the SB assist in their ConnectME grant application. Part of this process is a confirmation that no competing provider is prepared to offer services within the year. Mike will work with ME Barnes of the LCRPC in completing the application process. Ted made a motion to appoint Mike Smith to complete the application and represent the town's interest in negotiations with ConnectME. Dawn seconded. Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3-0. Mike motioned to designate ME Barnes to be our agent for reaching out to other providers to confirm future plans for services. Dawn seconded. Roll call vote: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3-0.
- The SB has approved the Warrant articles for the Town Referendum voting on May 21.
- The Annual Report will be dedicated to former SB Chair, Dr. Jack Sarmanian. Barbara will write the Dedication with details from an article recently published in the Boothbay Register by William Pearson.
- Mike received a letter from a resident at 814 River Rd asking that the town

convey Spring Hill Farm Rd. to them. They have used and maintained this “abandoned road” as the driveway to their home and want to “keep it usable.” Mike will do research on this and discuss with the Road Commissioner.

3. Ongoing Business

- Boothbay Region surveyors are working on the Lallis property parcel currently in the process of being sold. Mike asked that after the sale of this parcel is complete, that we take a break on dividing up the Lallis property.
- We will invite Chris Cossette to attend the next meeting on 4/5 to discuss changes in water rates that may effect Edgecomb customers. Barbara will contact him.
- Dawn said the application for the Efficiency Maine grant for upgrading utility systems in the Town Hall is 3/31. Ted and Mike expressed their hesitation about going forward with a grant application at this time. They agreed that this kind of work should be part of a long-term and comprehensive plan for upgrading the Town Hall building.
- Mike reported that communication with Doug Beck of the State Dept is in process to describe a new parcel being donated to replace the tennis courts as a site for community recreation. The communication will describe the property, why the town is interested, and what value it offers the community. Stay tuned.
- The School Superintendent Search Committee has requested input about the qualities residents consider important in a new superintendent. Mike encourages anyone with thoughts about this to fill out the online survey. Dawn and Ted will express their thoughts in a letter in response to this request.
- Claudia requested that the next SB meeting, scheduled for Tuesday 4/6 on the calendar, be changed to Monday 4/5. While this Monday follows Easter weekend, she argued it is not a designated holiday in Maine.

4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval; Dawn seconded.

- General Warrant #19 \$468,04.52 (includes EES, fire truck, and plowing payments) Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

5. Adjourn 6:55 PM