

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

May 3, 2021, 6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

Attendees:

Mike Smith, SB Chair

Ted Hugger, SB Member (recorded the meeting for Barbara Brennan who was absent)

Dawn Murray, SB Member

1. Minutes – Mike announced that the Minutes from the 4/20 meeting will be submitted when Barbara Brennan returns on 5/17.
2. Warrants: Ted submitted the following Warrant for approval
 - General Warrant #22 \$14,815.02
Roll call: Dawn yes; Mike yes; Ted yes. Approved 3/0.
3. New Business
 - Senator Chloe Maxmin plans to attend next meeting on 5/17.
 - Chris Cossette of the Wiscasset Water District reported that monthly rates for fire protection (fire hydrants) on Davis Island will increase on 7/1/21 from \$1954.31 to \$2345.17. The rates will increase again on 7/1/22 to \$2579. The monthly rates for individual water users will increase 19% on 7/1/21 to \$34.06 for 300 cubic feet of water. The monthly rate will increase again on 7/1/22 to \$38.06.
Chris wants to discuss any future plans (25, 50, 100 years out) for expanding development that might involve water pipes down Rt 27 or up Rt 1. Planning that involves water pipes is a long process. Ted asked about infrastructure funding from the government, and Chris responded that most of this is aimed at highways and bridges.
Dawn questioned whether the WWD rate increases are in line with those of other rate payers in other towns. Chris responded that the rate increases are the same for all and are based on expenses, such as replacing aging pipes, etc. The increases amount to about \$24 more per year per payer, which Chris says is “reasonable” and “justified.”
 - Jarrod Pinkham, new CEO in Edgecomb, reported that he is working with a

property owner on Lilly Pond who has requested a building permit. The property owner is being required to submit a plan for replacing trees that were cut from an area on the property without authorization. The SB agreed that there should be a fine attached to this requirement if the replanting is not done. Jarod will follow up with this.

4. Ongoing Business

- Committee memberships: Mike announced a push for recruiting volunteers for town committees, including the Appeals Board, Waterfront, and Website Committees. He has names in mind and asked the SB to offer suggestions. Dawn and Ted volunteered to make phone calls to potential candidates.
- County money ideas: Mike would like to consider how we might be able to use potential funds from the County, which is slated to receive about \$8M from the federal government.
- Mike said the sale of the second Lallis parcel is final. The 32 acres were sold to the same resident who purchased 5 acres earlier. The total for the sale of the two parcels is about \$70,000. The rest of the Lallis property will lie for awhile.
- Mike announced that Andy Burt of Edgecomb is a Source Sustainability Award winner. This award recognizes people who contribute to the well-being of the environment.
- The parcel adjacent to the (former) Rt 1 Winters business has been foreclosed. The SB will offer it for taxes owed (about \$1400) to the new owners of the Winters property.
- Claudia asked that the voting booths be set up at the TH for the upcoming election and referendum voting on Friday, May 21.
- Roy Potter reported that the maintenance line in his FD budget is about \$12,000 over budget, with two more trucks currently being serviced (\$7000 more.) Roy has also received an offer of \$4000 for one of the old trucks for sale. Mike questioned where the reimbursement program claims stand; there are usually 2-3 attempts made to contact individuals about these claims. Bill Witzel will follow up with the vendor of the reimbursement insurance program.

- The next SB meeting is May 17, via zoom.

5. Adjourn 7:20 PM