

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

May 17, 2021, 6:00 PM

This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom video conferencing.

ATTENDEES:

Mike Smith, SB Chair

Ted Hugger, SB Member

Dawn Murray, SB Member

Barbara Brennan, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of Minutes from 4/20 and 5/3

- Ted motioned to approve the 4/20 minutes; Dawn seconded. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.
- Ted motioned to approve the 5/3 minutes; Dawn seconded. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

2. Warrants: Ted motioned to approve each of the following Warrants; Dawn seconded.

- Waste Water Warrant # 112 \$2655.90
Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0
- General Warrant #23 \$254, 929.21
Includes 2 school payments, also year-end charitable payments.
Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0.

3. Ongoing Business

- Update on meetings: The SB agreed that considering the state's newest guidelines about gatherings, it would be appropriate to resume meeting in the Town Hall. The TH offices will remain as they are now, with the Tax Collector upstairs and the Town Clerk downstairs. The door will be unlocked during office hours. Claudia mentioned that a request for use of the TH for a memorial service on 7/17 could go forward.
- Upcoming election and referendum: The TH is set up and ready to go for the election and referendum voting on Friday, May 21. Polls will be open

from 1-7 PM. A tabulator will tally the votes on the Warrant ballot.

- Claudia was pleased to report that fuel and power costs at TH are both lower this year than in previous years.
- Mike reported that he has been informed by the DOT that work on the Rt 1/Rt 27 intersection is planned to begin the first weeks in June, with the Eddy Rd project to follow in the fall. Ted expressed concern about conducting the Rt 1 project during the “high tourist season”, saying that it would be detrimental to local businesses. Dawn expressed her concern about increased traffic (and speeding!) on Eddy Rd and also Middle Rd as drivers circumvent the construction on Rt. 1. Roy Potter said the Eddy Rd project would require special permits, which could take a year.
- The 6th graders from EES worked with Mike to install flags on veterans’ graves at the TH cemetery. The SB and other volunteers will install the flags at other cemeteries in town.
- Lisa McSwain informed the SB that the Schmid received the grant from the state to fund their new forest management plan. Congratulations!

4. New Business

- Committee appointments: Dawn nominated Karen Grene for the Appeals Board. Ted seconded. Roll call: Ted yes; Dawn yes; Mike yes. Approved 3/0. Dawn will inform Karen, who will be sworn in by Claudia.
- Rt 1 foreclosure: Mr Libby, owner of the former Winters property on Rt 1, will purchase an abutting foreclosed lot for \$1400. Mike will prepare the deed.
- School: Mike announced that Tom Abello (School Dept Chair) and Ira Michaud (EES principal) will both be leaving their posts this spring. Mike thanked them both, saying the “school benefitted immensely” from their stewardship.
- FD Budget: Dawn met with Chief Potter to discuss ways to cover maintenance costs that are over budget this year. He will “move some things around and postpone some things and push some things in to next year’s budget.” Chief Potter’s concern is that he might be setting himself up for more problems next year. Dawn suggested that there be a meeting early in the new fiscal year with the FD and the SB to discuss future needs of the

department. Chief Potter is currently working on a problem with the new truck that caused it to fail inspection.

- Sen. Chloe Maxmin visited to discuss several bills she is working on with the state legislature as they go back into session. Among the bills she is working on are broadband expansion and infrastructure, increasing ed funding to 55%, transportation for elderly in rural districts to non-medical destinations, clean energy projects to benefit communities, and recovery centers and resources in counties that have none.

Ted and Dawn spoke with Sen Maxmin about the upcoming DOT projects in our town, and impacts on traffic and residents. Sen Maxmin said she would follow up with the DOT to discuss timing of these projects. Stay tuned.

- Mike said Scott Griffin has committed to purchasing salt through a state program this year.

5. Next SB meeting will be Tuesday, June 1, 6:00, at Town Hall.

6. Adjourn 7:15