

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
6:00 PM

The SB decided to continue to follow safety measures for social distancing and face coverings for this meeting.

ATTENDEES

Mike Smith, SB Chair

Ted Hugger, SB Member

Dawn Murray, SB Member

Barbara Brennan, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of Minutes from 5/17

Ted motioned to approve the Minutes; Dawn seconded. Approved 3/0.

2. New Business

- **Election results:** All open positions were filled with highly qualified volunteers! Mike reported that all 60 articles of the 2021/22 Warrant passed. According to Claudia Coffin, referendum voting went well. Mike said there should continue to be discussions about the benefits and drawbacks of Referendum voting compared to Town Meeting voting format as we look toward future voting.
- **Election of Select Board Chair:** As Mike began his third term on the Select Board, he discussed the time-consuming nature of the Chair's position. The Board agreed they could rotate this position among the 3 members, with Dawn expressing willingness to step in first. Ted nominated Dawn as SB Chair; Mike seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve Dawn as the new SB Chair. Ted spoke about the amount time Mike Smith has tirelessly dedicated to the ongoing business of Edgecomb: "The Town needs to be aware of the thousands of hours Mike has put in."

Dawn stepped in to her new roll immediately by conducting the remainder of this meeting.

- **Select Board goals for this upcoming fiscal year:**

- Mike would like to explore adding an Administrative Assistant to help manage the day-to-day operations of the town; he suggested pending government funding of \$125,000 might be used to help fund this position.
 - Ted suggested revisiting discussions about town goals from the Public Forum in 2019 and continuing to get input from town residents. Mike suggested holding another Public Forum in July.
 - Dawn reiterated her plan to work closely with the Fire Chief early in the new fiscal year to determine future needs and goals of the FD.
 - The SB also discussed reserving a pool of discretionary funds that could be designated to projects as needed, such as Broadband assistance and Historical Society projects.
- **Chris Cossette of Wiscasset Water District and John Ziegra of Boothbay Water District** visited the SB meeting to discuss the Regional Water Assessment Plan and the long-range planning implications as they impact Edgecomb. As these officials look for ways to improve upon finite water supplies on our peninsula, it will become necessary in the next 10-20 years to pipe water through Edgecomb, going up Rt 1 and then down Rt 27. They emphasized the benefits to Edgecomb of adding infrastructure that could move water as a commodity for residents and businesses and also add fire protection in the form of hydrants (every 1000 feet). General discussion of timeline and funding touched on current needs of increased development and growing populations, potential for government infrastructure funding, possibility of using TIF funds, and cost to residents who choose to tie in and to taxpayers paying for the fire protection.

A follow-up presentation by WWD and BWD for the residents of Edgecomb was suggested for next September.

3. Warrants: Ted motioned to approve the following Warrant:
 - General Warrant #24 \$16,022.58
Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
4. Next meeting will be Monday, 6/14, at 6:00 at the Town Hall.
5. Adjourned 7:05 PM

