

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

July 12, 2021, 6:00 PM

The Select Board met with Auditor Fred Brewer to review the 2019/20 Audit prior to this meeting.

ATTENDEES:

Dawn Murray, Select Board Chair

Ted Hugger, Select Board Member

Mike Smith, Select Board Member

Barbara Brennan, Recording Secretary

1. Approval of Minutes from 6/28
 - Ted motioned to approve the Minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
 - **MDOT construction project:** The SB, Rep Holly Stover, and Sheriff Todd Brackett discussed concerns with traffic on Eddy Rd that is resulting from the Rt 1/Rt 27 intersection construction project. Dawn expressed concern about long backups on Eddy Rd and also the dangerous situation for vehicles trying to turn left at the end of Eddy Rd onto Rt. 1. Dawn has spoken with a supervisor at DOT; Holly will also be in touch with her contact about the problems (Megan Russo). Todd Brackett said his office has not received complaints, but offered to install digital signs restricting traffic on Eddy Rd to Local Traffic Only. The group also discussed need for the DOT to address Rt 27 paving. While this project is on their list, the group agreed the project cannot wait 2 years; shoulders of the Rt 27 are deteriorating and causing single car accidents when drivers are too close to the shoulder.
 - **Lincoln Cty Ambulance:** Mike said the CLC Ambulance contract is in the third year of a five-year contract, and he would like to discuss extending the contract. Edgecomb is paying \$17,000 annually for this service. Ted will call them.
 - **Plans for Resident Public Forum:** The SB would like to hold a Residents' Public Forum to discuss ways the Town Hall can operate more effectively. The plan is to hold the Forum on 8/21 for 1-2 hours beginning at 8:30 AM. The SB will define the specific topics for discussion at their next meeting. Possible topics may include TH infrastructure improvements, Administrative Assistant position, and funding for these.

- **Public use of Town Hall:** Now that Covid restrictions have been eased in Maine, the TH can be rented for meetings, receptions, etc. Current protocols will be in place. The SB will review TH usage policies and revise as necessary. Mike made a motion to open the TH and to return to policies in place prior to the pandemic. Ted seconded. Approved 3/0.
- **Approval of 2019/20 Audit:** The SB met to discuss the Audit with Accountant Fred Brewer and Claudia Coffin prior to this meeting. Ted motioned to approve the audit as presented by Mr. Brewer; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0. Mike reported the town ended the fiscal year with a balance of \$808,586.98. This is about \$120K more than last year.

3. Ongoing Business

- **Locke property easement:** The CEO, J. Pinkham, visited the Locke property and the proposed spot for a CMP pole and reported no problems with the easement. Mike motioned to approve an easement on the Locke property for the purpose of installing a power pole; Ted seconded. Approved 3/0.
- **Stephenson property tax sale:** This topic was tabled until a future SB meeting.
- **Select Board punch list:** Mike suggested several projects at TH to be completed including furnace repairs, painting, carpet cleaning; also advertising for a cleaner for the TH and providing \$3500 for the repair of the Salt Shed.
- **Committees:** Mike and the SB continue to look for volunteers for several committees, including Appeals Board, Website and Waterfront Committees and the FD. Janet Blevins will post an ad on the website and FB page for these positions. Mike will contact other town officials about extending their service, including Bob Leone and Bill Witzell.

4. Warrants

Ted submitted the following Warrant for approval

- General Warrant #1 \$76,666.14
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

5. Next meeting is July 26.

6. Adjourn 7:10