Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

August 9, 2021, 6:00 PM

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 7/26 Ted motioned to accept the Minutes as written. Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
- 2. New Business
 - Appeals Committee
 - 1. Dawn will confirm the nomination of one additional Appeals Board member who is pending (Nick or Emily Mirabile).
 - 2. Appeal pending: Dawn has assembled materials for review by the Appeals Board members (George Chase, Karen Green, Heather Burt) as they prepare for an upcoming appeal.
- 3. Ongoing Business
 - Committee openings: Dawn has a list of committee openings and will follow up with each of them. Mike will help. Janet is creating an ad for the website and Facebook pages about these openings.
 - Stephenson property: the SB was asked by the Smiths and the Kellys to reconsider their previous decision to not offer abutters the first opportunity to bid on this foreclosed property because of Mike's position as a Selectman. Becky and Mike Smith clarified that they are not interested in bidding on the property; as a result, the SB agreed that no conflict of interest exists. Ted made a motion to offer the Kellys and one additional abutter an opportunity to bid on the Stephenson property. Dawn seconded. Approved 2/0. Mike abstained. Ted will send letters to the abutters.
 - Town Forum Agenda: The SB discussed that the timing of the Town Forum might not work considering that escalating Covid restrictions regarding public meetings. In addition, the School Committee is concerned about holding public meetings in the EES just prior to their opening. Dawn suggested discussing a new date in September. Topics for the Agenda will include TH improvements, ways to use pending federal recovery funds, and ideas for the upcoming Edgecomb Bicentennial. Dawn reiterated her interest in the topic of enhancing TH infrastructure to allow future meetings to be offered via Zoom.
 - Mike requested approval to hire John Marsh to refurbish the Town Hall signs for a cost of \$1000. Ted motioned to approve; Dawn seconded. Approved 3/0.

- Mike wants to place an ad in the paper for a person to clean the TH on a weekly or biweekly basis for \$100 per month.
- Dawn has seen many local complaints about speeding traffic in Edgecomb on the Next Door site. Deb Eaton has had a meeting with concerned citizens about this topic. Dawn will suggest that residents report their complaints to the Sheriff's office.
- Mike discussed a current article in the BB Register about large-scale development and the ability of the Water and Refuse departments to respond to such growth. There is concern among the SB about the impact of growth down the Peninsula on quality of life in Edgecomb. The SB agreed they should pay close attention to this kind of planning. Ted said Edgecomb will have little say in what happens in the Boothbay/BBH area, but the SB should influence how the DOT does its work and handles traffic flow, safety, etc. going through Edgecomb. The SB suggested that maybe quality of life issues for Edgecomb could be on the agenda for the Forum.

4. Warrants

- General Warrant #3 \$236,827.38 (includes payment to EES account) Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
- Waste Water Warrant #101 \$4912.70 Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

5. Public Comment

- Janet Blevins is working with Cecelia Williams to assess the website and plan improvements.
- 6. Next meeting is on August 23
- 7. Adjourn 6:45 PM