## Town of Edgecomb Select Board

### **MINUTES**

October 4, 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 9/20 Ted motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

#### 2 New Business

- **Bids from Stephenson property abutters**: a bid was received from Eric and Andrea Kelley of 7 Gleason Lane for the abutting Stephenson lot (R2 lot 17) for \$25,551.51. Ted motioned to accept this bid and Dawn seconded. Approved 2/0. Mike abstained. Ted will call the Kelleys to inform them and to request a check. Claudia will send the deed when the check is received.
- Use of TH by Unitarian Universalist Church: Dick Nessen and Susan Borg of the UUC asked the SB to allow the UU Church to use the TH for worship by about 30 people on Sunday mornings from 10-12 AM. Claudia discussed the former use by this group from 1985-2010. There was discussion of specific details: use of candles, use by children for Sunday School, use of a piano keyboard, set-up of chairs, and adherence to CDC protocols during the continuing pandemic. After agreement on all these details, Ted motioned to allow Sunday morning use of TH by UUC for the standard fee of \$50 per meeting. Mike seconded. Approved 3/0. The group agreed that the agreement would be in effect for 3 months, at which time they would evaluate the arrangement. Mr. Nessen will receive a key, and Mike will be their contact person. The UUC will begin meeting in the TH on Sunday, Oct. 17.
- **Discussion of letter to WWD:** The SB decided that Dawn would write a brief letter to the Wiscasset Water District to pursue the expansion of water service. This letter will begin a process of exploration and does not obligate the town in any way. Mike suggested that the SB read the Rt 27 Corridor Report of 2011-2012, which can be found online.
- **Update on DOT projects**: Ted reported that his DOT contacts emailed that there is still some work being done on Rts 1/27 to finish line painting, sign installation, and ditch work. This project should be finished by 10/16. The blasting on Eddy Rd is complete, and the road is open, although there may be lane restrictions especially in the area of the

newly constructed retaining wall. This project should be finished by 10/30.

• **Plumbing problem at TH:** Mike explained that a recently discovered broken pipe had apparently been seeping for some time. Boothbay Plumbing fixed the problem.

## 3. Ongoing Business

- Tennis court: The SB is seeking a replacement for the tennis court to satisfy Land Water Conservation grant received to build the court in 1974. At the next SB meeting, Lisa McSwain will discuss with them a process for communicating with Doug Beck about the property being offered to expand the Schmid preserve. Mike said a Class A Audit might be required according to federal guidelines, to determine the value of the new property as compared with the value of the tennis court site. Such an audit could cost the town \$8000-\$10,000.
- **EES mortgage** will be paid off end of November 2021.
- Town Forum date/details: After postponing the Forum for several weeks because of Covid concerns at the EES, the SB decided to conduct the Forum via Zoom on October 25, 7:00. Topics to discuss will include admin assistant, 2024 anniversary celebration, how to spend federal funding, improving the Town Hall building. Barbara will work up a notice for the paper and will share with Janet for the website and FB page.
- **Budget Committee**: Mike wants to begin conversations next month with various departments and services about budgets for next year. He will contact the Budget Committee members to see if they will serve again.
- Claudia Coffin said the Planning Board needs Alternates. Mike will check with Barry Hathorne about Alternates who might want to serve again.
- The SB gave permission to Claudia to appoint a Warden (herself) for the upcoming election on Nov. 4.
- The lights on the south end of the TH need to be fixed before Nov. 2; Mike has hired an electrician to address several needs at the TH.
- CEO Jarrod Pinkham has resigned. He will continue to help until a replacement is hired.
- 4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval:
  - General Warrant #7 \$3343.46 Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

5. Next meeting: 10/18

6. Adjourn 7:12 PM

# Town of Edgecomb Assessors October 4, 2021 7:13 PM

Attendees: Dawn Murray, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Claudia Coffin, Barbara Brennan

- The Assessors approved tax abatements totaling \$3197.01
- The Assessors approved supplemental tax commitments totaling \$13,193.89

Adjourned 7:15