

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

December 13, 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 11/29
Ted motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
 - **Scott Griffin, Roads Commissioner** discussed requests by residents to replace culverts in private neighborhoods and also to prune tree limbs near roads. In both cases, Dawn said it is not the job of the town to carry out or pay for these kinds of work. The trees are on the land of private citizens and should be their responsibility; in fact, if the town wants to prune a tree near a road, the town needs to get the homeowner's permission. Roads are considered easements to access private property. In the case of a culvert that may have been damaged by town plows turning around, we might discuss a cost share. This culvert is near the Newcastle line and may also be damaged by Newcastle plows. Scott said this policy will change the way he has operated in the past. Dawn will discuss this topic with MMA lawyers. Ted asked Scott about the repair to the Salt Shed. Scott responded that problems have not been addressed. The SB will write a letter to the contractor.
 - **Ordinance Review Committee:** Rebecca Graham and David Nutt discussed a plan to revise the Comprehensive Plan, which needs to be updated to include ordinances that pertain to accessory dwellings. She said the Plan also needs updating in other areas, such as aging in place, affordable housing, climate change, and short-term rentals. They would like to create a committee of about 6 members to do this revision. David has a couple of people in mind, and Mike will also contact some prospective members. Rebecca said they will need a budget for such things as printing and legal review. Claudia said there is a grant with \$1271 still available for this purpose. David Nutt emphasized that it is time to position our town to move forward and expressed a need for better communication. Their goal for completing the revision to the Comp Plan is 2023.
 - Corning Townsend visited and presented the SB with a letter nominating Terry Stockwell as the new Deputy Harbormaster for the remainder of this fiscal year. After that time he hopes Terry will become the Harbormaster. Terry is highly regarded as an experienced boater, fisherman, and prior harbormaster on Southport. Ted motioned to

5. Public Comment
6. Next meeting date: Tuesday Dec. 28
7. Adjourn: 7:30