Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

March 21, 2022, 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

- March 7: Ted motioned to approve he minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
- March 10 Special Meeting: Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0
- These minutes will be posted together on the website under SB Meeting 3/7/22.

2. New Business

- Public Meeting on fiscal 2022-2023 Warrant: There will be a public meeting to discuss questions about the Warrant articles on Monday, May 2 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in person at the TH; there may also be a Zoom link. This meeting takes the place of the discussion about articles that would occur if we were having a live Town Meeting. Dawn verified with the School Committee that they will be able to present their part of the Warrant. Barbara will provide an announcement for the local papers before April 21. The Select Board will post a notice at the TH and at the Post Office on April 25.
- Claudia Coffin noted that no one returned papers to run for the open School Committee seat. There will be at least one write-in candidate. Write-in candidates have 7 days to accept the position; if there is a tie and two accept, there needs to be a run-off vote with printed ballots.
- Meet and greet update: Dawn reported that the event was well attended. Some suggested ideas for using the TH for yoga class or other group exercise. Dawn will pursue this idea.
- Suggestion box: Dawn would like to offer a place where town residents could offer suggestions regarding town business or activities.
- The SB discussed the following Budget highlights for the upcoming fiscal year.
 - 1. No change in ambulance service as we are in year 3 of a 5-year contract

- 2. Fire Dept will not raise salaries, but truck maintenance may be a concern.
- 3. There will be \$10,000 from town surplus deposited in the Truck Fund.
- 4. The bottom line expenditures with offsets is \$3,662,340 for fiscal 2022-23. This is a 4.35% decrease from last fiscal year. The SB thanked the Budget Committee and all Department Heads for working together to contain costs this year as tax payers deal with inflation in areas like food and gas.

3. Ongoing Business

- Town Report Dawn will pick up reports and deliver to the PO for mailing. Claudia needs a copy before mailing to determine mailing costs.
- 4. Warrants Ted submitted the following warrants for approval
 - General Warrant #19. \$445,314.35 (includes trash hauling, school department payment, TIF cost payment) Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3/0.
 - TIF Warrant #203. \$80,399.38 (final payment!)
 Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
- 5. Public Comment
 - Claudia will send a digital copy of the new Warrant to Janet to post on the website.
- 6. Next meeting: Monday April 4
- 7. Adjourned 6:40 PM