

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

April 4, 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 from March 21

Ted motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

2. New Business

- **Lincoln County Ambulance:** Ted spoke with Nick Bryant, Director of LC Ambulance service. He said it is a good time to begin discussing Edgecomb's next contract (to take effect in 2024). They will discuss flat rate quote as well as "pay as you go" quote at their next meeting in May. It is not likely they will offer a contract for five years next time. Mike also suggested getting a quote from Wiscasset Ambulance service. Mike said "There is no question that our costs for ambulance service will be going up."
- **Town roads maintenance update:** Scott Griffin has filled the holes on Cross Point Rd. A stretch of CP Rd is scheduled to be paved when warmer weather arrives.
- The SB approved 3/0 Allen Hersom's proposal and accepted his price for mowing the Town Hall property as well as the Fire Station and Salt Shed properties in 2022.

3. Ongoing Business

- Clerk/Treasurer
 1. Claudia Coffin discussed procedures for Public Meeting announcement for the upcoming meeting about the 2022-23 Warrant. Barbara will send announcement to the local papers by April 21. The SB will post notices in the TH and the PO.
 2. The SB approved 3/0 19 individuals as Election Clerks, with their appointments to expire on May 1 2024.

3. Claudia asked for approval to appoint herself Warden for the June 14 Primary voting. Mike motioned to approve Claudia as Warden; Ted seconded. Approved 3/0.
 4. Claudia reiterated that no one has taken out election papers for the School Committee opening.
- Town Reports: the reports are in process of being printed. Dawn will receive the call from LC Publishing when it is time to pick them up.
 - Mike said a water test has been done at the TH following a split in the water line. Water is fine. Also did a radon test, which also came back fine.
 - Mike mentioned that Consolidated Communication is looking to expand internet service across the state. Dawn will work with ME Barnes to determine where the underserved areas are in Edgecomb.
 - Mike said by the end of April the Building Committee will have its first meeting. He will notify ME Barnes that the grant funding is being put to good use.
4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval.
 - General Warrant #20. \$426,426.80 (includes School deposit)Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
5. Public Comment
 - Roland Abbott asked why Edgecomb would hold referendum voting instead of in-person Town Meeting again this year. Dawn explained that the decision had to be made when it was difficult to predict Covid restrictions.
 - Bill Pearson of the BB Register asked the SB to clarify their No votes on two EES warrant articles. Dawn explained the large amounts of undesignated and surplus money in the school budget was not accompanied by specific proposals. This money could be better used for town wide purposes during this time. There was discussion of a capital improvement planning committee in Edgecomb . Dawn is researching what other similar towns have been doing in this area. Janet Blevins said such a committee is a good idea in order to anticipate large upcoming costs across all departments.
6. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 19
 7. Adjourn 6:50 PM