

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

June 13, 2022, 6:00 PM

Attendees: Dawn Murray, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Janet Blevins, George Chase, Claudia Coffin, David Nutt, Rebecca Graham, Barbara Brennan

1. Approval of Minutes from May 31: Ted motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
 - **Comprehensive Plan:** David Nutt and Rebecca Graham suggested a list of 5 candidates to work on a committee to update Edgecomb's Comprehensive Plan. They will research and suggest changes regarding dwellings and lot size, accessory dwellings, growth districts, fee structures and ordinances regarding rentals, and requirements for aging in place. David said that Maine's Municipal Planning Assistance offers helpful data and information. Mike asked about funding for the Comprehensive Plan committee; Rebecca responded that the MPA provides grant funding. The Board unanimously approved the appointment of the following five people to the Comprehensive Plan Committee: Rebecca Graham, David Nutt, Barry Hathorne, George Chase, and Jack French. David said the committee would expand and add advisors as needed.
 - **Fire Department training:** Maine's Forestry Department will train the Edgecomb Fire Dept in how to make a fire break. The training will take place at the Schmid Preserve. Lisa McSwain has been contacted. No active fire will be part of this training. The Select Board unanimously approved that the Fire Dept be permitted to conduct a learning exercise at the Schmid Preserve.
 - **Sewer rates:** Mike has learned that Wiscasset is discussing a 47% increase in their sewer rates. This increase will also impact Edgecomb rate payers. He suggested that the SB communicate with the 3 Associations at Sheepscot Village Resort, informing their members and suggesting they be aware of meetings and/or public hearings in Wiscasset regarding sewer rates. Barbara volunteered to follow up with this communication pending help with names and contact info for Associations' leaders.
 - **Audio visual equipment:** Dawn learned about video conferencing equipment that involves a TV plus a sound bar. She would like to pursue this kind of a set up for the Town Hall, allowing for meetings to be offered virtually.

- **TIF:** Claudia Coffin summarized the workings of the TIF district in Edgecomb. Claudia was recently asked by developer Scott Larson about funding for infrastructure in the Sheepscot Village Resort. Currently 45% of the taxes from the TIF district (based on assessed value) goes into a Town account for sub-costs and 55% goes to the developer. Once the Developer has been paid the entire amount goes into the town's sub-account. Claudia questioned whether we have to do this?
3. Ongoing Business
- **Update on tort claims letter:** Dawn has forwarded the request to pay for damage to a truck after a tree fell on it to MMA's Insurance Claims department. She said Edgecomb does not own the property where the tree fell and is not responsible for the damage.
 - **Clerk/Treasurer:** Claudia reminded residents to vote on June 14. She discussed the recent Treasurer's Report, saying Town Expenses shows a \$6227 expense for Mid-Maine Forestry's work on the Schmid. She said there will be reimbursement for this expense. Mike suggested that in the meantime, some funds could be taken from the Schmid Committee's line. Mike will inform the Schmid Committee.
 - Mike noted that Dan Cooper did an excellent job rebuilding the ramp near the front door to the Town Hall.
4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval
- General Warrant #25. \$55,471.91
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded; Approved 3/0
6. Next meeting: June 27
7. Executive Session
- At 7:08 p.m. the Select Board went to exec session to discuss a legal issue.
 - After returning to regular session at 7:09 p.m. the Select Board voted to hire Attorney Sally Daggett to pursue a resolution with Trask & Sons concerning incomplete Salt Shed repair work. Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Ted, passed 3/0.
8. Adjourn
- Select Board adjourned from regular session at 7:10 p.m. Motion made by Ted, seconded by Mike, passed 3/0.