

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

August 8, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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

1. Approval of Minutes Ted motioned to approve the **Minutes of July 25 SB meeting**; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0. Ted motioned to approve **August 1 Assessor's Meeting Minutes**; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
 - **Tom Landberg**, new Principal of Edgecomb Eddy School, has been an educator of students at all levels since 1999, He expressed his excitement about his position as principal, saying "I want to make this school my home." Mr Landberg will begin with a special school board meeting on Friday at 10:00 AM to discuss holes in staffing that need to be filled, including in Art and PE.
 - **Mark Warren** of 771 Boothbay Rd discussed his concerns about speeding traffic on Rt. 27. He has explored several ways to use signage to help improve speed levels. The DOT (Dave Allen was his contact) can supply a free electronic sign that monitors speed of vehicles. The town would need to commit to moving this sign around town every 2 weeks. Some towns (Bristol) have purchased signs that are paid for by sponsorships. The SB agrees that speeding traffic is a problem in our town and will explore Mr. Warren's suggestions.
 - **New tax rate:** On Monday 8/1, the SB set the mil rate at 16.15 for the fiscal year 7/1/22 - 6/30/23. This rate is a 1.3% decrease from the tax rate of the last fiscal year.
3. Ongoing Business
 - Resident survey: Dawn will use some of Ted's suggested questions and mail a survey to residents this month.
 - Meet & Greet will be held at the Town Hall on Aug 20 from 8:30 - 10:30.
 - 250th inaugural meeting will be rescheduled.

- Treasurer Claudia Coffin

1. Claudia is preparing to process applications from senior citizens for property tax stabilization as passed by the Maine state legislature. There is an application form with instructions posted online. Our Assessors will need to approve or deny each application. Dawn expressed concern about the requirement that they “verify eligibility.” Dawn said the Assessors could devote time after the last SB meeting of each month to process these applications.
2. Claudia said there needs to be a surveillance camera that will monitor the absentee ballot box outside the Town Hall during election time. She will purchase an electronic camera device that will operate through her phone to monitor activity at the ballot box.

4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrants for approval.

- General Warrant #3 \$18,088.72
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
- Waste Water Warrant #102 \$9,153.45
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

5. Public Comment

- Dawn complimented Janet Blevins for her great work on the website and reiterated that the website committee needs assistance from new members.
- The press asked for clarity about the decrease in the Edgecomb tax rate. Dawn explained that all departments agreed to tighten budgets and also the school was able to use previously accrued funds (called undesignated funds) to offset some of their expenses.

6. Adjourned 7:18