

## Town of Edgecomb Select Board

### MINUTES

Monday, Nov. 14, 2022 at 6:00 PM

In attendance: 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 Oct. 31 SB meeting; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0. Ted motioned to approve the minutes of the Oct. 31 Assessors' meeting. Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
  - **Legal advice** regarding FOIA - this was discussed in an Executive Session held after the SB meeting adjourned. See minutes below.
  - **Budget season** - Mike would like to launch the new Budget season by discussing possible increases in some expenses this year with the Budget Committee and key Department Heads. BB will send an email inviting them to the SB meeting on Dec. 12.
3. Ongoing Business
  - **Committees: Waterfront members:** The SB unanimously appointed Mitch Garey, Ryan McPherson, and Tom Boudin to the Waterfront Commitment for this fiscal year; they are waiting to hear about interest from Troy Hersom.
  - **Town Hall committee:** Lauren Stockwell will help the committee prepare proposals outlining the work on the TH building. There will be a survey done of the TH property and adjacent lot; Mike proposes using the ASK grant to cover the surveying.
  - **Internet update:** Ted and Janet attended a meeting with a presentation by Simon Thorne of Consolidated Communications (aka Fidium). They are proposing an offer that Ted says "seems solid" to bring fiber-based internet service to all residents with access to utility poles. Their fees are reasonable, and the towns can apply grant funds, including from Lincoln County ARPA. Ted motioned that the SB draft a letter expressing interest in Edgecomb's participation in this project (along with Boothbay, Boothbay Harbor, and Southport) to bring quality, affordable internet service across the peninsula. Mike seconded. Approved 3/0. Barbara will draft a letter with help from Janet.

- **250th Meet & Greet:** at Town Hall on Saturday, Nov 19 at 9:30 - 11:00
  - **Charlie Brown Trees:** Mike spoke with the SC and the principal of EES about this event. They will determine a date. Mike suggested we invite the new postmaster to judge the trees, along with Bill Pearson and Ramone Warren.
  - **Clerk/Treasurer:** Claudia Coffin
    1. The Auditors have all the information they need for the audit of fiscal 2021 - 2022.
    2. Claudia received a check from a resident for \$2355. This was court-ordered restitution for snapping a utility pole on River Rd. The check will be added to the General Fund.
4. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrant for approval.
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| General Warrant #10 | \$122,867.73 |
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- Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
5. Public Comment: members of the press had questions about the legal matter being discussed in ES. Dawn summarized a series of events leading up to a lawsuit by Edgecomb resident Timothy Harrington regarding FOAA requests.
6. Next Meeting: Nov 28
7. Adjourn 6:37

Executive Session  
Edgecomb Select Board  
Nov. 14, 2022, 6:37 PM

The SB went into Executive Session at 6:37 PM and came out at 6:42 PM, returning to regular session.

Ted made a motion to hire Jensen Baird to respond to the FOIA lawsuit.  
Mike seconded.

There was no discussion. The motion was approved 3/0.  
Voted to adjourn 3/0 at 6:48 PM.