

## Town of Edgecomb Select Board

### MINUTES

Monday, Dec. 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Dawn Murray, Ted Hugger, Mike Smith, Barbara Brennan, Janet Blevins, Claudia Coffin, George Chase. Also Budget Committee: Jack Brennan, Fran Mague, Joe McSwain, Karren Potter, Stein Eriksen; Rebecca Graham

1. **Approval of Minutes from Nov 28:** Ted motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
  
2. New Business
  - **Liquor license renewals:** Paul Johnson of Waters Edge and Jon Turcotte of Glidden Point Oysters submitted applications for renewal of their liquor licenses. The SB signed the requests.
  
  - **Budget Discussion:**
    1. Jack Brennan confirmed that he and all the BC members were willing to serve again on this year's BC.
    2. Mike summarized some major considerations for developing the town's budget this year, including Lincoln County's 4.6% budget increase and BBRRD's 7% increase related to fuel. George Chase (representing the SC) expects the school budget to increase since Covid funding is finished.
    3. Jack submitted a schedule of BC meetings with various departments. The SB will decide if they would like the BC to present the budget to the town or whether they would rather do this presentation themselves at a Meet & Greet in March.
    4. Rebecca Graham would like there to be an email address that sends PB email messages to all members so that material and questions can easily be shared and forwarded. Janet will work with her on this.
    5. Mike said the TH Committee is in the process of devising a plan to "retrofit" the TH. This project will also take into consideration future staffing at the TH.
    6. The AOS accounting firm has doubled its fees. The plan is to send this job out for bids from other firms.
    7. There was discussion of need for technology at the TH to support meetings; there seems to be consensus that simple technology will be sufficient for our purposes.
    8. There was discussion about the need for a training budget line for required training. Dawn said much of the training is free or accessible through the SB (who are members of MMA).

9. Dawn mentioned that the budget should include some funding for Edgecomb's 250th celebration in 2024.

10. Mike brought up the town's upcoming property assessments, which were last done in 2004, will cost in the neighborhood of at least \$200K.

3. Ongoing Business

- **Affordable housing letter:** The SB signed the letter. Barbara will make a copy and mail it.
- **Charlie Brown Trees follow-up:** First graders won the first prize. Good turnout for the evening event.
- **Clerk/Treasurer:** Claudia asked SB to sign plowing contracts from A Hersom for the last fiscal year so that she can deliver these to the auditor.

4. Warrants

- General Warrant #12.           \$70,350.61  
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
- Waste Water Warrant #106.   \$4242.55  
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.

5. Public Comment

- Mike mentioned that the Wiscasset sewer district will need to do major work to update the sewer system. Users should be warned to expect a major fee hike.
- Mike sent out 8-10 requests for proposals to area contractors/architects regarding the TH upgrade. He will receive responses by January 2.

6. Next meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 27

7. Adjourn 6:52

Town of Edgecomb  
Assessors' Meeting  
Dec. 12, 2022

The Assessors called the meeting to order at 7:00.

Claudia Coffin asked them sign a homestead abatement for Mr. and Mrs. Dempksi.

Claudia received the last batch of Homestead Exemption applications. Ninety-seven applications were received and all were approved.

The Assessors filled out an online form related to the Homestead Exemption applications and submitted it to the Maine Revenue Service citing the number of applicants, number approved, assessment of costs to be reimbursed, and current mil rate.

Adjourn 7:10