

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

Monday, Jan. 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Barbara Brennan, Janet Blevins, Claudia Coffin

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Ted motioned to approve the minutes from 12/27/22 meeting; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
2. **Election:** Ted nominated Mike as Chair of the SB. Mike accepted and seconded. The nomination was approved 2/0.
3. **SB Meetings schedule:** Mike announced that henceforth the SB would meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 PM. The reason is energy conservation: the Town Hall is already open on Tuesdays with the heat on, unlike Mondays.
4. **Warrants:** Ted submitted the following warrants for approval
  - General warrant #14      \$197,933.10 (includes School payment)  
    Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
  - Waste water warrant #10    \$3890.95  
    Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0
5. New Business
  - **Lisa McSwain** from the Schmid Committee suggested that the SB should approve the use of Hammond Fund to cover mowing of the Schmid (\$1370 annually) to reduce the amount she requests each year from taxpayers. Claudia will look at the balance of spendable money in the Hammond Fund, considering the recent performance of investments. Mike wants Lisa to confirm with the mowing contractor the precise cost for mowing in the next year. Lisa was asked about the Schmid's endowment fund, and she compared it to a long-term investment or savings account that would be used for bigger projects or unexpected needs down the road. Lisa suggested that she print a flier about contributing to the endowment fund and insert in in the mailing of the Annual Town Report this spring. There is still strong interest from Alice Abbott to gift her land (adjacent to the Schmid) to the town.
  - **Terry Stockwell** suggested that the town allow residents to take a maximum of 2 buckets of sand for their use during the winter. Other towns do this. He suggested an area near the salt shed that would not interfere with the equipment there. Ted

will discuss with the MMA insurance representative, and Mike will discuss with Scott Griffin. The issue was tabled until the next meeting.

6. Executive Session (405K) will occur on Tuesday, 1/10, to continue the discussion with the town's lawyer about FOAA requests. The session is informational and no decisions will be made.
8. New Business (continued)
  - **Board announcement:** Ted submitted his resignation from the Select Board effective April 17, 2023. He has recently sold the Cod Cove Inn, which included his residence. He plans to move to a new home in Damariscotta in April. Mike and Ted discussed ways to encourage people to become involved in local government and will pursue several strategies to recruit 2 new SB members, one to cover Ted's remaining 2 years and one to cover Dawn's remaining term that is up in May.
  - **Special election:** Ted made a motion expressing a need for a Special Election on April 15 to elect 2 Select Board members. Mike seconded, and the motion was approved 2/0. Claudia will post notices about availability of nomination papers and the deadline for submitting them with signatures.
  - This year's annual town meeting and voting will occur via referendum on May 20. The SB agrees that more people vote when it is offered via referendum and absentee ballot.
  - **Town Report** The final warrant will be done on March 17 and will go to the printer on March 20.
  - **ARPA funds update:** The SB will talk with Chief Potter about training funds available. Mike would like to purchase a defibrillator for the TH building.
9. Public Comment
  - Tom Boudin expressed interest in having time for the public to discuss the warrant before it is finalized. Janet and Barbara pointed out the date the Budget Committee has in its schedule for this purpose.
  - Mike has put out an RFP for 3 painting quotes (painting the front of the TH).
  - Mike would like to invite the state's DOT to the next meeting, along with new senator, Cameron Reny.
10. Next meeting: Tuesday, January 24
11. Adjourn 7:15