

Town of Edgecomb Select Board

MINUTES

Tuesday, Feb 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM

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

1. Minutes: Ted motioned to approve the minutes of the 1/24 SB meeting; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0. Mike motioned to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on 1/10; Ted seconded. Approved 2/0.
2. New Business
 - Lighting at Station Rd/Rt 1 intersection: this topic is on hold until Newcastle representatives can attend. Also will invite Sen. Reny.
 - Mike had a conversation with Ernie Martin of the MDOT; he agreed that the Station Rd intersection is “exceptionally dark.” As a side note, both he and Mike agree that the new Florida T at Rt 1 and Rt. 27 “has exceeded expectations.”
 - Steve Stinson (restaurant owner from Rockland) attended this meeting to discuss his interest in opening a restaurant in a building on Rt 1 (old Fireworks store). He wanted to explore the possibility of procuring town water and sewer services. Mike spoke with Attorney Chip Griffin who originally defined the ownership of the Davis Island sewer line and pumping station. The 3 Associations in the Davis Island village own these . Mike passed along names of Association leaders for Mr Stinson to contact. Chris Cossette of WWD and Kirsten Hebert also attended this meeting to discuss water piping costs and funding sources (it costs about \$285 per foot to bring in water pipes from Wiscasset). They suggested reaching out to other area businesses to see how they could work together “to make this happen”.
 - General Assistance Administration: Ted announced that Dawn Murray has offered to continue to manage the GAA work that she was managing while on the SB. Claudia mentioned that no reimbursements have been received since 2018.
3. Old Business/Updates
 - Ambulance contract - Ted said that the new CLC ambulance contract is going up to \$58,929.25 from \$17,000. He also contacted Wiscasset’s service, which was about \$2000 more (\$61,003). BBH said they do not have the capacity to service Edgecomb. Ted motioned to renew the CLC Ambulance contract for one year. Mike seconded. Mike said he is pleased with CLC and we should continue this good relationship. Approved 2/0.

- Public Meeting 3/7: this will be an informational meeting to discuss the proposed budget for fiscal 2023-24. No need for announcement. The meeting will be noted on the website and Facebook page.
- Town Report - Barbara suggested a photo of the Schmid for the cover. Claudia has suggestions for dedication page; she will follow up on these.

4. Warrants/Financials

- General Warrant #16 \$311,747.59 (This includes a double warrant since both Mike and Ted are away for the next meeting; also 2 months of plowing.)
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
- Waste water Warrant # 108. \$3378.20
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0
- Claudia said that the Harbormaster's request to spend funds in his account to purchase technology equipment to map the mooring fields must to to town vote.
- Claudia reported that 94% of taxes are in; excise and boat excise taxes are up.
- Claudia asked that Mike review, approve, and sign for the town employees' wages and benefits warrants in Ted's absence.

5. Public Comment

- Mike said the TH Committee conducted a walkthrough of the TH for two architects interested in submitting a bid for the project. Both are eager and excited about the project.
- Janet Blevins will follow up with Simon Thorne about the Fidium internet plan.

6. Next meeting Tuesday 3/7 (No meeting Tuesday 2/21 because Selectmen are both out of town.)

7. Adjourn 7:15