

## Town of Edgecomb Select Board

### MINUTES

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 PM

In attendance: Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Barbara Brennan, Claudia Coffin, Janet Blevins, George Chase, Fran Mague, William Witzell

1. Minutes: Approval of minutes from 2/7  
Ted motioned to approve the minutes; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0
  
2. Warrants: Ted submitted the following warrants for approval
  - General Warrant #17      \$64,159.27  
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
  - Waste water Warrant #109.    \$5164.70  
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0
  - TIF Warrant #202.    \$40,612.08  
Ted motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
  
3. New Business
  - Mike announced that the Town's attorney informed him that Tim Harrington did not show up to a court hearing, so his suit has been dropped.
  - Mike said a new FOA request was submitted from Torianne Colby who wants to determine how much the Town has spent on legal fees. This question will be studied by the new Board that convenes after April election.
  - Davis Island water and sewer update; Griffin/Harris agreement
  - Mike would like to hire Chip Griffin and Bruce Harris because of their expertise related to the water/sewer equipment ownership on Davis Island to assist the Town and a potential buyer of property on Rt 1 about water and sewer usage, right-of-way, and other questions. He is estimating 10 hours of their time. Ted motioned to hire Griffin and Harris to assist with interest in Davis Island water/sewer systems. Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
  - The Conservation Committee is looking for direction. They will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss such topics as water access, Town tennis courts, etc.
  - Mike says the town received \$133,000 in ARPA funds, some of which still needs to be spent by 12/31/25. He is looking for input from residents about how to spend undesignated funds.
  - Claudia Coffin asked the SB to sign the following documents:
    1. Notice of Shortened Nomination Process
    2. Municipal Officers' Order to Place a Question on the Ballot for a Secret Ballot Referendum Election, April 15, 2023
    3. Municipal Officers' Notice of Public Hearing for April 15 2023 Election

4. Warrant of Secret Ballot Election and Referendum, April 15, 2023, 1-7PM
5. Municipal Officers' Order to Place Questions on the Ballot for a Secret Ballot Referendum Election, May 20, 2023

- Ted said that he will do the Warrants for the 4/18 SB meeting and will work with incoming SB members who need to be trained in this process.

4. Topics for 3/21 meeting:

- Approve architect for TH project
- Conservation Committee

5. This SB meeting was recessed at 6:25 for public meeting on proposed budget

## Select Board Meeting (Resumed)

March 9, 2023

3:00 PM

In attendance: Mike Smith, Ted Hugger, Barbara Brennan, Jack Brennan, Claudia Coffin, George Chase

- Meeting called to order at 3:05
- Mike opened by saying our task was to make sure the 2023 - 2024 Warrant is correct before the ballots are printed for the referendum voting to be held on May 20.
- There are 60 articles in the Draft Warrant.
- Editorial changes and number adjustments were made to several Articles.
- Changes need to be made to the following Articles on the School Committee's Budget Draft:
  - Article 46: Ted motioned to vote to change; Mike seconded. The Board agreed that the taxpayers should not be responsible to pay \$51,000 for administrative error. If the \$51,000 is removed from this Article, the SB will Recommend.
  - Article 59: Ted motioned to vote to change; Mike seconded. The SB agreed to Recommend this Article only if the wording is changed to include "upon the approval of the majority of the Select Board."
- Ted will make all changes discussed and communicate with the School Committee.
- The Warrant will be read in its final draft by Barbara, Jack, and Claudia.
- Adjourned 4:42 PM