

Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

Attendees: Mike Smith, Lynn Norgang, Fran Mcgue, Janet Blevins, Barbara Brennan, Claudia Coffin

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of April 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Fran motioned to approve the minutes; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0
3. New Business
 - a. MDOT representatives Rob Betz and Shawn Davis spoke about the planned federally funded roadwork on Rt 27 to be done during spring and summer of 2024. Mr. Davis said this will be a “pavement preservation” project, which means they will grind up the existing pavement, replace it, and add a few more layers of pavement. There will be work to fix culverts and striping in some areas, but will **not** include any widening or reconstruction such as adding of bike lanes. Several audience members, including Holly Stover and representatives from Boothbay town boards emphasized the need to address the poor road condition during this year. These representatives will bring the request back to the MDOT. Some other points of discussion:
 - i. Work will be done on one lane at a time
 - ii. Trees may be cut if they shade or otherwise impact the pavement only if the land-owner is amenable
 - iii. There will be a 5 year moratorium on opening the new road after the project is done.
 - iv. The new pavement should last 10-12 years.

- v. Project will start next May. They will be able to cover 6000 feet of road per day. Project will last all summer.

6:35 PM The SB meeting adjourned to begin a Public Hearing. (Minutes on the PH follow the conclusion of the SB minutes.)

7:00 PM Fran motioned to bring the SB back into session. Lynn seconded.
Approved 3/0.

- 4. Warrants: Lynn Norgang submitted the following warrants for approval.
 - a. Waste Water Warrant #112: \$3803.05. Lynn motioned to approve; Fran seconded. Approved 3/0.
 - b. General Warrant #22: \$6704.29. Lynn motioned to approve; Fran seconded. Approved 3/0.
- 5. Financials: Claudia Coffin reported on the following items:
 - a. Alan Hersom's cemetery mowing contract: Fran made a motion to accept the contract; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0. The contract was signed by the SB.
 - b. The owner of a foreclosed property will buy back the property by paying the taxes for 2020, 2021, 2022, and (estimated) 2023. The total including the cost of the deed is \$4500. Fran motioned to return the property to the owner in exchange for \$4500. Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0. Claudia will inform the resident.
 - c. Claudia suggested the SB elect a chairman. Fran nominated Mike, who accepted. Approved 2/0, with Mike abstaining.
 - d. Town expenses are exceeding last year's. The SB agreed to be careful with purchases over the next 2 months.
 - e. Ballots for May referendum are done. Absentee ballots are available.

- f. Claudia submitted the School Warrant articles and summarized changes from the previous version of the School budget. After the SB signed off, Claudia said she will inform the Superintendent, who will supply the copies to be inserted in the Town Report. Claudia will send Janet Blevins the signed School Warrant to post on the website.

6. Ongoing and Other Business

- a. There was considerable storm damage on Spring Hill Farm Rd. Mike praised the work of Scott Griffin who is in the process of fixing this road damage, which has stranded 5 residences. The cost of repairs may be \$50,000. Claudia suggested discussing funding at Open Town Meeting in May or a Special Town Meeting to be determined.
- b. Curt Crosby told Mike the BRRDD is discussing eliminating “picking” for liability reasons. The SB all agreed that picking should be allowed.
- c. James Toman of MMA visited the TH to see how it complies with safety , etc. Videos coming for use by the SB!
- d. Lynn, Fran, Ted Hugger, and Mike will be assisted by EES sixth graders in placing flags on graves of veterans by 5/13.
- e. Mike received word from the state that they need information about our town’s Health Officer. He will contact Dr. Rohr.
- f. The SB will hold a workshop on Tues May 9 at 4:00 to discuss spending ARPA funds.

7. Public Comment

8. Next meeting: May 16

- a. Add Roy Potter’s request re: ARPA funds

9. Adjourn 7:45

Edgecomb Public Hearing

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Public Hearings were held regarding the upcoming Referendum voting on the proposed 2023-2024 budget and also on the revised Waterfront ordinances.

1. Mike Smith called the Hearing to order at 6:35 and distributed copies of the proposed referendum Warrant articles that will be voted on May 20. Mike read the articles and asked for questions. There were no questions. The referendum articles are available on the edgecomb.org website.
2. Terry Stockwell distributed copies of the proposed changes to the Waterfront ordinances. The changes are designed to clarify and promote water safety practices for all crafts. The revised ordinances will help the Harbormaster discuss and enforce rules of navigation with boaters on the water. The proposed Waterfront ordinances are available on the edgecomb.org website.

The Public Hearings adjourned at 6:58.