

# Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

In attendance: Mike Smith, Mike Maxim, Lynn Norgang, Janet Blevins, Barbara Brennan, George Chase, Claudia Coffin.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of minutes: Lynn motioned to approve the minutes of the 5/16 meeting; MM seconded. Approved 3/0
3. Warrants: Lynn submitted the following warrant for approval: General Warrant #24 - \$38,023.13; Lynn motioned to accept; MM seconded; Approved 3/0.
4. New Business
  - a. Janet Blevins, Mary Ellen Barnes, Evan Goodkowsky discussed internet plans for LC residents in unserved areas. Following are some key take-aways:
    - i. Grants for individuals to obtain infrastructure are complex; it is best for the town to offer support for grants for a number of residents rather than individuals.
    - ii. There are 127 households eligible for Affordable Connectivity Program grants.
    - iii. The SB should take a look at the agreements we have with existing providers; there may be opportunities to expand
    - iv. Fidium seemed like a great deal with their plan to use existing poles, but are they slowing down?

The SB meeting recessed at 6:25 for a Special Town Meeting to address 2 School articles. (Notes follow these SM Minutes.

The SB meeting came back into session at 6:50.

## New Business (continued)

b. DOT letter: Mike would like to send a letter to DOT about Rt 27 paving plan with the message “it needs to be done right” regardless of when it gets done. He wants to let them know we expect they will address shoulders, culverts, drainage, aprons, whatever it takes to improve the road’s safety. Lynn and MM will draft their thoughts and submit to Barbara to compile into a letter.

c. House fire in Edgecomb: the fire on Old County Rd was a house owned by the town and occupied by the former resident, who has been living there many years despite foreclosure of the property in 2009. The town will clean up the property and prepare to sell it. Mike estimates the cost of clean-up and back taxes will be about \$40,000. Mike will talk with the resident and discuss removal of any personal property. He will report back to the SB about the plan and timeline.

### 5. Financials: Claudia Coffin raised the following topics:

- a. Town expenses budget is running in the negative; but with \$8000 coming from the School for unused workman’s comp and the pending Audit carryover of about \$8000, she feels we will get through the fiscal year in the black.
- b. The SB needed to elect a Chair; Lynn nominated Mike S; MM seconded. Approved 2/0, with Mike Smith abstaining.
- c. All election results of May 20, 2023 will be on the town website. There were 116 voters; 30 people came to the face-to-face meeting to vote on the School Budget.

### 6. Ongoing Business

- a. Marcus Beaulieu (sp?) will visit from MMA regarding Town Hall safety compliance.
- b. There is need for an Appeals Board member.
- c. Alternate Phil Haas of the PB will step in to fill the vacancy until there is an election.
- d. Discussion of unsightly properties in town continues. Mike says the town’s ordinances “have no teeth” unless there are obvious health hazards. George Chase says these ordinances are hard to write and need to be very specific. Mike would like to see if a “helpful” approach might work in the short term.

- e. The Town Hall architect is working on a plan and will return in 5 weeks.
  - f. The next planning meeting for the 250th is on June 17, 9:00 at Town Hall.
  - g. The SB will hold a workshop on Tuesday, June 13 at 5:00 (before the SB meeting).
7. Public Comment
  8. Next meeting: June 13; add to the agenda School Article 3; Planning Board Alternate
  9. Adjourn 7:35

Town of Edgecomb

Special Town Meeting

May 30, 2023, 6:30 PM

School 2022/2023 Warrant Articles 2 and 3

Ted Hugger was nominated and elected Moderator.

Ted read Article 2 of the School Warrant from fiscal 2022/2023, related to getting town's permission to expend Capital Improvement Reserve funds. The balance is \$68,371.

Heather Sinclair explained that the purpose of the meeting was to vote to allow the School to spend funds from their Capital Reserve Fund for un-budgeted bills related to fixing the well, the walk-in cooler, and the freezer. Heather motioned to accept Article 2 as written. The motion was seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ted read Article 3 of the School Warrant from fiscal 2022/2023 related to getting town's permission to expend funds from their Student Expense Reserves. There is a balance of \$140,000.

Heather Sinclair explained that a student required special outside services, transportation, and a new Ed Tech. She motioned to accept Article 3 as written. The motion was seconded. Article 3 was approved unanimously.

The Special Town Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.