

Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

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

1. Approval of July 11, 2023 minutes: Michael motioned to approve the minutes; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
 - a. **Sewer rate increase:** Mike said Wiscasset will increase water/sewer rates by 8%. This in addition to last year's increase of 42% means customers are paying 50% more. Mike suggested that Edgecomb may hold its surcharge at last year's rate. He will invite Chris Cossette of the WWD to visit an upcoming SB meeting.
 - b. **Letter for FD:** Mike said the cost recovery program the FD contracted with a few years ago wants to change wording, percentages, etc in the contract. The FD would like a letter that states we will discuss changes to the contract when the current contract expires.
3. Warrants: Lynn submitted the following warrants for approval
 - a. General warrant #2: \$304,491.87 (includes school and ambulance payments) Lynn motioned to approve; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0.
 - b. General warrant #23 (amended): \$188,643.86
4. Financials
 - a. Claudia Coffin has heard from Joel Morley about a program to place veterans' banners on the town poles along Rt 27.
 - b. Memorial Day flags should be removed from town cemeteries.
 - c. Claudia has received the technology needed to process tax commitment figures.

5. Ongoing Business

- a. **Appointments and updates:** Mike and Lynn have been in touch with the following board/committee members who have agreed to another term of service: Bob Leone (Constable), Bill Witzell (EMA Dir), Leah Taylor (PIng Bd Alt), Terry Stockwell (Harbormaster), George Chase (CEO, LPI, and 911 Addressing Officer). Betsy Pratt will take over the Animal Control Officer position from David Pratt. Dr Rohr has been contacted about Public Health position but has not responded.
- b. Barbara said that her file for the 2021-22 Annual Report is missing electronic files for the 2023-24 School Warrant. They were never sent by the AOS. This may be a problem in the future if the addendum flier is lost.
- c. Mike has been involved with MMA regarding SB training and also moving hazardous materials and obtaining insurance on the Old County Rd fire site.
- d. The SB will hold an ARPA workshop on Aug 8.
- e. Mike is planning to meet with the state's re-valuation person in October.
- f. Topics of interest
 - i. **School hires:** Mike wondered about the recent hiring of two PhD educators. George Chase of the School Committee said "Edgecomb did not seek out the PhD teachers; they found Edgecomb," and mentioned the advantages of the small school and great reputation of Edgecomb Eddy. Mike M said that the school will benefit from having well-experiences educators.
 - ii. **School consolidation:** Mike was the mystery man who brought the idea of high school consolidation to the Superintendent of the AOS by suggesting a piece of land that was for sale in Edgecomb. Mike explained to the SB that Edgecomb would not be looking to change its elementary and middle schools, but that a regional high school would benefit many towns

6. Next meeting August 8: include Conservation Committee on agenda

7. Adjourn 6:43