

Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

In attendance: Mike Smith, Michael Maxim, Lynn Norgang, Barbara Brennan, Claudia Coffin

1. Approval of minutes: Michael motioned to approve the July 25 minutes; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0.
2. New Business
 - a. **American Legion Veterans' Banner Project:** Joel Morley and Jim Singer attended the meeting to present their Vets' Banner project devoted to honoring veterans of wars beginning with WWII (1941). Vets and families can purchase 30" x 5' banners with the faces of vets to be posted on utility poles along Rt 27 beginning at the intersection of Rt 1 and running down the peninsula through Southport. The banners would be displayed from Memorial Day to Veteran's Day, with volunteers installing the brackets and then raising and lowering the banners each year. Banners cost \$125; the Am. Legion is working on getting donations for the brackets. The towns need to get permission from utility companies to use the poles. Michael suggested the 4 towns sign one letter to each utility company. The Legion plans an informational meeting about the program on 9/25 at the Legion Hall. Joel asked if the town's website could be used to collect contact information about a list of local veterans. Barbara will contact Janet. Mike said the Banner program has the support of the SB. The raising of the first banners will be May 1, 2024, to coincide perfectly with Edgecomb's 250th birthday.
 - b. **Edgecomb Conservation Committee:** Gary Balducci, Andy Abello, Tom Boudin, and Mark Warren attended the meeting to discuss ways the CC is "looking after and protecting the town's lands." Again, Mike discussed finding a suitable replacement parcel to solve the tennis court debacle. The parcel must be ADA accessible, must be a new purchase (not already owned by the town), and preferably on the shoreline so that Woodend funds might be used for the purchase. The CC is looking for young new members!
 - c. **AED follow-up:** Lynn has researched the possible purchase of an AED for Town Hall. Roy Potter is in favor. Lynn is interested in the possibility of town wide

training, for a “Heart-safe Town.” She suggested using ARPA funds for the purchase, which the SB will discuss at their next ARPA meeting in Sept.

3. Warrants: Lynn submitted the following warrants for approval
 - a. General Warrant # 3. \$4969.82. Lynn motioned to approve; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0.
 - b. Waste Water Warrant #2. \$7131.75 Lynn motioned to approve; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0.
4. Financials: Claudia Coffin reported on the tax commitment meeting of Aug 4. The tax rate last year was \$16.15. The rate this year is \$16.70, for an increase of 3.4%. Claudia said the following went up: total town expenses, raised taxes, LC tax, and School budget. Municipal revenue sharing went down. More was taken from surplus and other valuation. In other business, Claudia said George Chase’s 3 positions must be appointed separately.
5. Ongoing Business
 - a. The SB nominated and approved 3/0 Betsy Pratt as Animal Control Officer.
 - b. Mike reported that Edgcomb has been served again by Tim Harrington regarding issues near his property he is concerned about. Attorney Ben McCall has been notified.
6. Next meeting: August 22 - Barbara will be absent; Lynn will record the meeting and send Barbara the recording.
7. Adjourn 7:00

Town of Edgecomb

Tax Commitment Meeting

Aug. 4, 2023

In attendance: Mike Smith, Michael Maxim, Lynn Norgang, Claudia Coffin

The meeting was called to order at 8:43 AM

The SB set the mil rate.

The SB nominated and approved 3/0 the appointments of Roland Abbott (EMA) and Betsy Pratt (ACO).

Adjourned 9:26 AM.