

Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 22, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

In attendance: Mike Smith, Lynn Norgang, George Chase, Janet Blevins These notes were transcribed from a voice recording.

1. Approval of minutes; Lynn motioned to approve the minutes from the Aug 8 meeting; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0
2. New Business
 - a. Planning Board Chair Rebecca Graham attended this meeting.
 - i. She said there is still a need for a second Alternate on the PB. Mike will put out a notice about this.
 - ii. She also discussed the work she is doing to determine the state's newest housing goals and how to apply those to Edgecomb's planning. This work is especially concerned with ADUs (Accessory Dwelling Unit) and short term rentals. She emphasized that public education is needed throughout an ordinance change process, as these changes will go before the voters. Edgecomb currently has an ordinance that allows for an accessory dwelling to be attached to a home. Towns will need to comply with the state's guidelines. The ORC will use ARPA funding to help facilitate revision of the town's Comp Plan and ordinance compliance.
 - iii. Frozen property tax is no longer available for seniors; there is an information sheet available from the state to explain how groups can access tax refunds and rebates.
 - iv. Members are needed for the ORC; Rebecca will see if there is interest among current members. They will need to fine-tune some ordinances prior to revising the Comp Plan.
 - v. Mike would like a recommendation about whether building permits/fees should be increased.

- b. Fire Department request: Bill Witzell represented Roy Potter at this meeting to request that the Fire Dept be able to submit its own warrants rather than relay the list to the SB to prepare the warrants. "Timing" and "streamlining the process" are the reasons for this request. Mike and Lynn will discuss this request with Claudia Coffin, Town Treasurer. Bill also asked that the SB revisit the question about whether the FD are employees or volunteers. Mike will contact the attorney who previously studied this (Sally Daggatt) and will also discuss with MMA
3. Warrants: Lynn submitted General Warrant #4 for \$242,256.72 (includes school payment, architect payment). Lynn motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 2/0.
4. Financials - Claudia was not in attendance.
5. Ongoing Business
 - a. The Building Committee will meet Tues Aug 29 at 4:00. The architect will present a second set of drawings.
 - b. RE: Tim Harrington, information has been submitted to MMA.
 - c. Scott Griffin is in the last year of his contract. Mike would like to have a conversation with him soon.
 - d. Janet is working on getting the list of deceased veterans on the website for the purpose of searching for family members who might want to purchase a banner.
6. Next meeting: Sept. 5
7. Adjourn 6:45