

# Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

In attendance: Mike Smith, Michael Maxim, Lynn Norgang, Barbara Brennan, Janet Blevins

1. Approval of minutes: Lynn motioned to approve the minutes of the Sept. 5 meeting; Michael seconded; Approved 2/0 (Mike abstained).
  
2. New Business
  - a. **Appointment of Deputy Harbor Master** - Mike nominated Gale Willauer as Deputy Harbor Master, beginning today Sept. 19 and ending June 30, 2024. Lynn motioned to approve; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0. Gale asked if there is a job description; there are Maine statutes that she should read.
  
  - b. **CEO Appointment:** Mike nominated George Chase as CEO beginning today Sept 19 and ending June 30, 2024. Lynn motioned to accept; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0.
  
  - c. **9-1-1 Addressing Officer Appointment:** Mike nominated George Chase as 911 Responding Officer. Beginning Sept 19 and ending June 30, 2024. Lynn motioned to accept; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0.
  
  - d. **Assistant to the Code Enforcer:** Mike appointed Jessica Mague as administrative assistant to the Code Enforcer. This is a budgeted position. Michael motioned to accept; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0.
  
  - e. **Designation of ARPA funds:** Mike would like to use ARPA funds to hire a company to do a deep cleaning of the Town Hall. He received a bid from Bouchard Cleaning for a 3-day contract costing \$1550 per day. He is seeking a second estimate. Mike questioned whether the defibrillator might pose liability for persons working at the TH. Lynn responded that the Good Samaritan laws might cover this.
  
  - f. **Building Committee update:** Mike reported that the building architect is in the final phases of a design that will be presented to the public.

- g. MMA requested items:** Mike will assign someone to check fire extinguishers monthly; in addition there will be a cabinet constructed for the soaring of cleaning materials. There will also be numerous egress signs added.
  
- h. Phil Haas and replacement doors:** Phil presented a quote from Viking Lumber in Damariscotta for replacing two exterior doors at the TH. The estimate included cost of materials, labor, and tax for \$5368.37. Michael suggest using ARPA funds; Mike suggested a 50/50 split between town and ARPA funds. Michael motioned to accept the bid; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0.

The SB meeting was recessed at 6:30 for a Public Hearing on Maine General Assistance guidelines. The SB meeting reconvened at 6:45.

- 3. Warrants: Lynn submitted the following warrants for approval
  - a. General Warrant #6. \$238,518.58. Michael motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0
  
  - b. Waste Water Warrant #103. \$6325.72. Michael motioned to approve; Mike seconded. Approved 3/0.
  
- 4. Ongoing Business
  - a. Mike would like to have a discussion of the new sewer rates put forth by Wiscasset. There will be a Public Hearing on Oct. 3 at 6:30. Barbara will post a notice in the local papers.
  
  - b. Spring Hill Farm Rd has been repaired from the spring flood, but reimbursement is still up in the air. Mike would like to discuss at the next meeting. We will invite Representative Holly Stover.
  
  - c. Mike had a suggestion for promoting residents' involvement in town activities, committees etc. We should pull names of voters every few months who might be contacted to fill openings or help out with an activity.
  
- 5. Public Comment - none
  
- 6. Next meeting: Oct. 3 (Barbara is away; Lynn will record the meeting.)
  
- 7. Adjourn 7:00

Public Hearing

Maine's New General Assistance Guidelines

September 19, 2023

6:30 PM

Dawn Murray, the current Gen. Assistance Administrator, explained that Maine's new guidelines for GA have not changed much from last year. Family of 1 receives assistance if income is less than \$1004/month this year; family of 2 cannot have income greater than \$1013/month. Food assistance has increased by about \$10 to \$973 per month.

She explained that helping folks is difficult because of these very low income cutoffs; also there are strict guidelines about how funds can be spent. Often the role of GA Administrator involves putting folks in touch with other local services for food, housing, heat, etc.

Dawn will step down as GA Administrator by end of December 2023. She is looking for a replacement and will speak with Mike Maxim about the role.

Adjourned 6:45