

Edgecomb Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Edgecomb Town Hall

In attendance: Mike Smith, Lynn Norgang, Michael Maxim, Janet Blevins, George Chase, Claudia Coffin. Barbara transcribed this meeting from a voice recording.

1. Approval of minutes: Michael motioned to approve the Oct. 3 minutes; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0
2. New Business
 - a. **Upcoming Board workshop:** The SB will convene a workshop on Thursday Oct. 19 at 4:00 PM to discuss town budgeting process and town committees (membership, responsibilities, etc.)
3. Warrants: Lynn submitted the following warrants for approval
 - a. General Warrant #8. \$40,476.83 (includes TIF FD loan) Michael motioned to approve; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0.
 - b. Waste Water Warrant #104. \$4846.09. Michael motioned to approve; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0.
4. Financials: Claudia asked the SB to approve her as Warden for the Nov. 7 voting. Lynn motioned to approve; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0
5. Ongoing Business
 - a. **Sewer rates:** Several home owners from Davis Island attended to discuss increase in sewer rates. Edgecomb residents currently pay \$40.28/cu.ft Wiscasset has proposed a rate of \$41.27. Discussion included billing process, which is done in conjunction with water usage data; why residents receive bills even when they are not there for 6 months; TIF funds and how they can be used to support the TIF district. Mike suggested raising the rates by 3% to \$41.48/cf for 0-300 gallons. Lynn motioned to approve this rate; Michael seconded. Approved 3/0. Mike will contact Chris Cossette to find out his availability to discuss residents' questions.

- b. **Building permit discussion:** The SB asked George Chase to put together a document showing building permit costs in other towns.
- c. **MMA requests:** Mike gave an overview of the MMA demands for compliance at the TH (exit signs, storing cleaning liquids, etc.) Marcus Ballou at MMA will help find a person to assist in addressing these requests.
- d. **FEMA:** Mike explained that his focus is working with Scott Griffin and Bill Witzell/Roland Abbott to fulfill FEMA's requests for copious information related to reimbursement for a large culvert replacement on Spring Hill Farm Rd as a result of storm damage last spring. Once the process is started, they have 60 days to complete the paperwork for reimbursement. Herbert Dean is the FEMA contact.
- e. **Veteran banners:** Mike will install 6 banners on a straight section of Rt 27 near Edgecomb Boat Works. Feb. 29 is the deadline for additional veterans flags to be received.
- f. **Website Committee:** Janet Blevins reported that not much communication has occurred since the new logo was designed this summer. There are people willing to help with the Committee, but only Marge Hunter seems comfortable with WordPress.
- g. **Cable contract follow-up:** Michael will follow up on status of current contract. Mike said Fidium is taking requests for installation of its internet service through online sign-up. Fidium is getting good reviews from other communities
- h. **TH cleaning bid:** Mike will do a walkthrough for Servpro before they submit their bid. Then the SB will decide between Bouchard and Servpro.
- i. Phil Haas will replace 2 doors at the Town Hall.
- j. Lisa McSwain of the Schmid Preserve committee requested approval from the SB (Trustees of Schmid) to have a group of volunteers clear invasive plants, pile them in the field, and have the FD burn these plants in the winter. Michael motioned to approve; Lynn seconded. Approved 3/0
- k. Charlotte Nutt, resident of Edgecomb, sent a survey from Midcoast Council of Governments to find out about our infrastructure needs with the goal of obtaining appropriate grants for towns to work on similar needs.

- I. Bucky Holloway sent a communication regarding his property at 48 Rt 1 in Edgecomb. A well on the property needed to be replaced because of salt contamination; this property abuts the DOT salt reserves.
6. Next meeting: Oct. 31: include George Chase's discussion of building permits in other towns
7. Adjourn: 7:15