

TOWN OF EDGECOMB  
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting  
November 10, 2008

**PRESENT:** Stuart Smith, John Johnson and Jack Sarmanian, (selectmen); Marilee Harris (secretary); Susan Johns (Wiscasset Newspaper); John Markowski; Barry Hathorne; Tom Boudin; Marion Anderson, CEO

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Minutes of November 3, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Utility Committee**

John reported the utility committee had met last Wednesday. They discussed the proposal made by attorney, Eric Stemple, concerning the allocations for the remaining available gallons of water and sewer. The committee hopes to work out their definitions for "commercial" and "retail" in a way that still excludes big projects that are residential. The selectmen agreed and encouraged John and the committee to remain in contact with Mr. Stemple to ensure the wording is legally correct.

**People to People Thanksgiving Baskets**

John was contacted by "People to People" to inform the selectmen of free Thanksgiving Baskets being given to needy residents. The selectmen have agreed to supply John with the names of individuals and families who may be in need and he will deliver the boxes.

**School Committee Invitation**

Jack informed the selectmen they have been invited to attend the school board meeting on, Tuesday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm, to begin a dialogue in regards to the school budget and the effects it will have on the town budget. The selectmen agreed they needed to discuss further some ground rules and questions before attending the school board meeting. A discussion will be placed on the November 24<sup>th</sup> selectmen's meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Broadband Committee**

John Markowski presented a letter to the selectmen in regards to the up and coming apparent challenges of jurisdiction for Time Warner. He requested the selectmen contact a lawyer before things commence in order to be informed on what can or cannot be done legally.

Stuart responded by sharing he had spoken with Phillip Lindley, director of ConnectME on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> so he, Barry Hathorne and John Markowski went to ConnectME on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> where they were informed the funds previously allotted to Midcoast Internet Solutions to assist Edgecomb in gaining broadband service, had been revoked and returned to ConnectME. ConnectME apologized to the town of Edgecomb in choosing Midcoast Internet Solutions and have placed Edgecomb on the top of the list for future money. Stuart is currently working on putting together a grant request for the ConnectME Authority which would allow the town to choose their own provider. One possibility is Time Warner who is currently planning to equip Cross Point Road and Route 27 and possibly Middle Road with access by the end of this month.

Following a great deal of discussion the selectmen decided the broadband committee needs to start over. Stuart stated he would inform the committee and contact the following members: Barry Hathorne, John Markowski, Tom Boudin and Janet Blevins. The selectmen also recommended the committee look into a variety of different types of services and companies to accommodate the various nuances of Edgecomb and insure a maximum of coverage. Upon determining the needs of the town and the costs involved the committee should then write a grant to assist in covering those costs.

### **Appraisal on Murray Property**

Tom Boudin presented a petition of seventy five signatures in favor of purchasing the Murray property with money from the Woodend Fund and a possible grant from the Land for Maine's Future Fund. The selectmen understood Tom's desire to proceed with the purchase of the property, however, in order to be prudent in their decision they decided it would be best to take the time to read both the recent appraisal and the exact wording of the Woodend Fund. John also brought up a concern for additional costs, for the waterfront committee, in insurance to cover a public picnic area and separate parking area for the canoe and kayak launch.

The selectmen agreed to read the appraisal and Woodend Fund and John stated he would look into additional insurance costs and they would place the matter on the agenda for discussion at the next selectmen's meeting in two weeks.

### **Marion Anderson, CEO Letter**

The selectmen asked Marion Anderson, as the CEO to draft a letter in regards to the assisted living project proposed by Joseph Bettey, informing Mr. Bettey that his proposal is considered null and void. Marion stated she would gather the needed information and would have a final draft prepared for their review by the next meeting of the selectmen on November 24, 2008.

Ms. Anderson also informed the selectmen to let any Edgecomb resident know they can contact her for fuel assistance through the LIHEAP Program.

### **Town Hall Window Replacement**

John brought two estimates for replacing the broken windows for discussion and the selectmen agreed to accept the lowest estimate. John will follow through and make sure the windows are replaced.

### **WARRANT:**

Number: 11 Amount: \$175,196.38

Number: 104 Amount: \$1,235.00

A motion was made to sign the above warrants. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**The meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm.**