

TOWN OF EDGECOMB  
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting  
November 24, 2008

**PRESENT:** Stuart Smith, John Johnson and Jack Sarmanian, (selectmen); Marilee Harris (secretary); Susan Johns (Wiscasset Newspaper); Bruce Cameron; Tom Boudin; Roy Potter;

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

Minutes of November 10, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Bicentennial Committee & Friends of Fort Edgecomb**

Bruce Cameron, President of the Friends of Fort Edgecomb, brought a written request to the selectmen from Becky Benton asking the selectmen to dissolve the Fort Edgecomb Bicentennial Committee. John asked Bruce why such a request would be made when the committee would automatically be dissolved after the celebration on June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of 2009? Mr. Cameron responded the Friends of Fort Edgecomb (FOFE) wished to make the Bicentennial Committee a sub-committee of FOFE, instead of having a connection to the town and they were prepared to give the town the money raised thus far by the Bicentennial Committee. This comment produced additional discussion. The selectmen collectively agreed the Bicentennial Committee should remain intact and any money the committee has in the FOFE account that has been generated for the celebration should be placed, with other monies already raised, in the town treasury. Mr. Cameron was assured the Bicentennial Committee will have full control and access to use the money as needed.

**Voting on School Referendum – January 27, 2009**

A public hearing covering a referendum on the re-organization of the municipal school unit will be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at 7 p.m. at the Edgecomb Town Hall.

On January 27, 2008 the Town of Edgecomb will be voting on the above mentioned referendum. Polling hours are from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**Storm Light at Town Hall**

Claudia Coffin informed the selectmen that the outside storm light is not working. Stuart responded stating someone is scheduled to fix it tomorrow.

## **County Taxes**

Claudia Coffin, town treasurer, reminded the selectmen the town's Lincoln County tax bill needed to be paid. The selectmen decided to send a check of \$244,778.00 to cover the principal amount due, to the Lincoln County Treasurer. John stated he will call and to find out if there were any additional amounts owed.

## **Candace Leonard Utility Request**

John is going to meet with Ms. Leonard to discuss her request for selectmen to consider bringing town water and sewer to her newly purchased home on Fort Road. He will report back to the selectmen at the next meeting.

## **Resident Request for Fuel Assistance.**

During the meeting, an Edgecomb resident approached the selectmen for heating oil assistance. He stated he had not been working for months and did not foresee any employment in the near future. The selectmen encouraged him to contact the Edgecomb Code Enforcement Officer, Marion Anderson, either by calling her at the Boothbay Town Office or e-mailing her at [buildingcode@town.boothbay.me.us](mailto:buildingcode@town.boothbay.me.us) and she would be able to help him. John was also able to offer him assistance through the General Assistance program. John reported as General Assistance coordinator for Edgecomb there has been a major increase of people from Edgecomb requesting assistance. The current economic struggle for many residents has convinced John he will not support any increases in taxes in 2009.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Murray Property**

Tom Boudin asked the selectmen if they were in support of having him apply for grant money to purchase the Murray property as a possible town park with water access. John suggested it may be prudent to decide first whether the selectmen thought the town should proceed with the project or not. After reading the recommendations from the waterfront committee and visiting the site, John agreed with the waterfront committee stating the property could be an insurance nightmare with parking located across the street from the park and individuals being required to walk and carry their small water craft across the road. Jack echoed the concern and questioned whether this piece of property met the original intent of the Woodend Fund. Stuart also expressed he was not in favor of purchasing the property.

Mr. Boudin had already submitted a petition requesting the subject be brought before the town at the next town meeting. Both John and Stuart questioned the legality of the wording of the petition. Stuart said he would check with MMA and let Tom know so he would have enough time to create another petition, if necessary, before the next town meeting.

A motion was made that the selectmen do not pursue a grant at this time, but wait until the next town meeting. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

### **Town Office Windows**

The window behind Claudia Coffin's desk has been repaired. However, the other window needs minor carpentry work done and John has contracted someone to do so.

### **Fire Station**

Roy Potter reported on construction work that had been done on the fire station this past weekend. Jim Fisk has been very helpful in assisting to replace the section of the sill that was rotted out and remove some earth that was contributing to the problem. Poole Brothers had donated and delivered products that would assist them in their projects. When weather permits they will work on getting the front of the building jacked up and proceed to replace a rotted beam. Then they will be able to begin work on the roof. Mr. Potter reported he has not heard anything from the insurance company on whether the roof construction will be covered. John stated he would contact the insurance agent and try to find out. He would also continue looking into whether the building is insured separately from the equipment.

### **WARRANT:**

Number: 12 Amount: \$350,613.83

Number: 105 Amount: \$10.54

Number: 204 Amount: \$10.54

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

### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Stuart made a motion at 7:40 p.m. to go into executive session. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

**The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.**