

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
December 21, 2009

PRESENT: John Johnson, Stuart Smith and Jack Sarmanian, (selectmen); Marilee Harris (secretary); Susan Johns (Wiscasset Newspaper); (Lincoln County News); Bruce and Jo Cameron; Byron Johnson; Jaryll Larson; Roy Potter (fire chief); Jessica Chubbuck;

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2009 and December 14, 2009 meeting as read. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Edgecomb Historical Society request for funds

John presented a letter from the Edgecomb Historical Society requesting funds from the Hammond Trust to cover the cost of a proposal from Jay Robbins, of Robbins Historical Research of Richmond, Maine, to conduct a survey of industrial-archeological sites in the town of Edgecomb. The proposal initiates the first step in implementing the policies outlined in the Comprehensive Plan Historical Resources Section. Work would include examining maps, town records, deeds and an array of other historical sources describing long abandoned sites such as brick yards, mills, mines, quarries, ice harvesting and shipyards, as well as, directing field research to locate and photograph remains dating from 1760 on.

A motion was made to move \$900 from the Maro Hammond Trust to the Edgecomb Historical Society. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

Questions on which properties are in the TIF district

John said there were some difficulties in determining whether the far upper properties on the left side of the Eddy Road belong in the TIF district and should be taxed accordingly. Stuart said the properties were correct as of the 2005 tax map. John said the town bookkeeper and town clerk were having difficulty determining the status and requested Stuart assist them. Stuart said he would talk with them.

Billing and tax collections

John said he had been made aware of mistakes made with the tax billing and collecting. There was one property in particular in which a tax bill was not being generated and the owner desired

to pay his taxes but could not receive a bill. Stuart said the tax collector was the person who was in charge of billing and collecting. John asked Stuart to talk with Ms. Boucher, the tax collector, and assist her in the process.

Thank you letter assisting Edgecomb families

John wrote a letter to Jessica Chubbuck, of the Edgecomb Republican Club, to thank them for the successful efforts in the Edgecomb Toy Drive. John noted the Club succeeded in assisting 13 families by collecting over 100 toys and \$115 in cash, as well as, providing food and clothing.

Census testing in Edgecomb

The United State Census Bureau will be giving tests to anyone interested in being hired as a census taker. The test will be administered upstairs in the Edgecomb Town Hall on January 4th and January 25th at 6:15 p.m. If anyone is interested in becoming a census worker they should contact the census bureau for further information.

Utility Committee report

The Utility Committee members Byron Johnson, Ron Carey and selectman John Johnson met to discuss details needed to establish a recommendation to present to the town of Edgecomb at the next town meeting regarding the development of a utility district. The committee decided they wanted to meet with Steve Levy of Maine's Rural Water Association and Kyle Coolidge from Woodard and Curran and seek their advise. The utility district would consist of three trustees and be funded by only the people who use it. The Utility Committee is planning another meeting in January. John also thanked resigning member Ralph Lombardi for his service to the town.

Recess

The selectmen took a recess at 6:25 pm to attend the Special Town Meeting.

Resume

The selectmen resumed their meeting at 7:50 pm.

Planning Board request

John reported the Planning Board voted and will ask the Selectmen for a moratorium of building permits for six months on Davis Island. The Planning Board has decided the Edgecomb town ordinances are extremely detailed and in order for them to uphold the ordinances correctly the Planning Board would like more time for review. The selectmen agreed the Planning Board was using good common sense and it would behoove the selectmen to follow through with the request for the moratorium. The selectmen noticed the request comes together with the Gateway 1 program offering a \$35,000 grant to assist.

Happy and Prosperous New Year

The selectmen would like to wish the town's people of Edgecomb a Safe, Happy and Prosperous New Year!

OLD BUSINESS:

None

WARRANT:

Number: 105 Amount: \$2,255.79

Number: 15 Amount: \$98,916.33

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 8:10 pm.