

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
January 25, 2010

PRESENT: Stuart Smith and John Johnson, (selectmen); Marilee Harris (secretary); James Macgregor (Lincoln County Newspaper); Jaryll Larson; Jim Lawson; Larry Omland (EMA Director); Dave Boucher; Jessica Chubbuck

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Minutes of January 11, 2010 meeting were approved as read. Seconded. Passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Some Maine towns have their selectmen's meetings on television

Jaryll Larson said while at her Gateway committee meeting she had been told by a selectman from Searsport how their selectmen's meetings were taped live, on cable television. The selectmen had set up a telephone number the residents could use to phone in questions or comments to what was happening.

State of Maine responds to By-pass environmental issues

John said he heard Jo Cameron had received a report from the By-pass Committee which includes a direct response from the State of Maine concerning the environmental interests and concerns of the project. The information had not been sent to the selectmen and they are still waiting to hear what has been officially decided.

NEW BUSINESS:

Monthly report from Edgcomb Fire Department

Larry Omland presented a copy of the monthly report to the selectmen. Mr. Omland noted at the latest fire department meeting they discovered the furnace was broken and has been fixed. The new sliding door has been installed with some minor adjustments for equipment. The ceilings have been insulated in the bay area and the back stairway has been blocked off temporarily in order to save heat.

Shelter development in Edgcomb

Mr. Omland said the Eddy School has no problem with the building being used as a warming shelter, but is not equipped for overnight use. This means there would be a place for residents to come and receive a hot meal and warming spot and then return to their own home.

The Congregational Church in Edgecomb is another place being considered for a shelter, however, the generator they have needs to be installed. Mr. Omland is trying to locate some mobile generators which can be utilized until the permanent generator is working.

The Emergency Management Team is also working on a plan to gather non-perishable food items such as pasta and sauce to have available for emergencies. The selectmen discussed ways these items could be obtained and possible places they could be stored.

Mr. Omland said he was working on writing a fundraising letter which will inform the residents of what has been decided.

New Map and Lot Numbers

The following abatements and supplements were signed to clear up any confusion over which lots were to be taxed under the TIF account.

Abatements

Michael & Maureen Hynes – new property number U06-029-605

Edgecomb Development, LLC – new property Number U06-029-604

Victoria Polonis – U06-029-603

Edgecomb Development, LLC – U05-007-602

William Rhodes – U05-007-601

Supplements

Michael & Maureen Hynes – new property number U06-029-605

Edgecomb Development, LLC – new property Number U06-029-604

Victoria Polonis – U06-029-603

Edgecomb Development, LLC – U05-007-602

William Rhodes – U05-007-601

New hours for Edgecomb's Tax Collector

Monday 5-9 pm

Tuesday & Thursday 1-6 pm

Planning Board request for money to cover legal fees

Planning board chair Dave Boucher asked the selectmen for money to be used by the planning board to cover the cost for a legal opinion involving two questions regarding clarification of the town ordinances. Stuart and John agreed there had been \$2,500 set aside in the budget for such matters.

John asked Mr. Boucher to consider asking the lawyer to clarify how the planning board could legally put into place its idea of a building moratorium. Everyone agreed the moratorium would benefit the town in light of a possible \$30,000 grant from the Gateway Project and the By-pass situation and any new construction.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sheepscot Harbor Resort Homeowners Association Review

John informed Mr. Hynes the selectmen were unable to respond to the Homeowner's Association questions concerning the sewer because the Utility Committee was unable to meet. The town was also waiting until the new auction for Edgecomb Development Properties was completed. John recommended the homeowners talk with the owners and insist on them sharing the sewer costs.

Mr. Hynes said both homeowner's associations have met with Priority Group and have been trying to work out details. They too are waiting to see what happens with the new auction.

John said he would contact Mr. Hynes when the selectmen have details available for further discussion.

Utility Committee

The Utility Committee plans to meet in the middle of February. At this point there is a consensus to put off making a utility district for the town. Woodard & Curran compiled a set of all the different scenarios for every way the sewer system can possibly be handled. John said he would send a copy of these for Stuart to view. In the meantime, Stuart said Chris Cossett informed the committee the town would soon be seeing an increase in billing costs.

Edgecomb Republican Town Committee

Jessica Chubbuck asked the selectmen if there was any needs in the community the Edgecomb Republican Town Committee could address. Upon discussion the selectmen agreed there is a need for heating assistance in the town. According to the rules of General Assistance the town is only able to give 100 gallons per family, per year. John said this does not begin to cover the need of some families. Ms. Chubbuck said she would take the suggestion back to her committee and see what could be done.

WARRANT:

None

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

**THERE WILL BE NO SELECTMEN MEETINGS ON
FEBRUARY 8TH AND 15TH**