

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
September 13, 2010

PRESENT: Jack Sarmanian; Jessica Chubbuck (selectmen); Jennifer Elkins (secretary)

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the August 30, 2010 and August 31, 2010 meeting as read. Seconded. Passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

RFP/Utility Department/Exchange students

Jarryl Larson questioned when the RFP deadline was for the Land Use/Planner and was informed by Jack that it is September 17th. She also commented that the Utility Department budget needs to be brought forth to the town and could possibly be on the agenda at an upcoming hearing. On another matter, Jarryl encouraged the Selectboard to ask questions of her two exchange students at a January or February meeting, to give them experience and aid in the process of learning government.

Time Warner no-service issue

Darren Casey, a resident of Mill Road, stated that he has been told by Time Warner that his home is 1600' from the current termination (the Boucher's house) and he will not be able to get service, as the "other homes do not meet the Town's density requirements." As both he and his wife require web access for their professional work, he is understandably unhappy about this outcome. The cable goes from rte 27 ½ mile to the Boucher's house and then stops. His house is just before Jack French's house. Jessica recounted that Time Warner had requested 60 additional days to complete the work, but as Mr. Casey is being told it won't happen at all, Jack will contact Stuart and find out what the difficulty is.

Blasting permit

John Rioux, of 385 River Rd, stated that he has contacted Stuart about a subdivision road that has ledge and needs blasting. He questioned if he needed to submit an application to Selectboard and was told by Jack French that since the Planning Board has already approved the road he will need to contact the CEO (Marian Anderson) who will then bring the blasting permit to the Selectboard for permit approval.

Clell Sigler informed the Selectboard of his blasting permit need for a little job on Cross Pt. Road. He has spoken with Marian and filled out the permit application. Jack recommended Clell bring the issue forth this week and he will confer with Stuart to proceed, adding that he sees no problem with what was described.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Selectboard meeting September 30, 2010

There will be a special Selectboard meeting for public hearing on September 30, 2010 at 6:30pm with a Planning Board meeting afterwards. Jarryl expressed concern over the hurriedness of this issue--- is something terrible going to happen if this doesn't go through? Jack assured her that the timing is symbolic to the Fire Department because it's been a long anguished process. Jack stated that the ordinance can be done on September 30th and that there will be a warrant defined at the October 4th meeting, at which point it can be posted before October 7th which is the deadline for posting an October 14th Special Town Meeting. The meeting to pass an ordinance for the Fire Station will take place at 7pm.

Town Clerk business

Claudia asked if Corning Townsend was on the warrant for this week and was informed "yes". Claudia also reported that in May and November the Town has been paying the Maine Bond Bank approximately \$2,000 a month for the new school loan. She had noticed 2 checks from State of Maine for \$27,000. Superintendent's office Sue Morgan called to find out that since Edgecomb is not generating enough subsidy anymore then the Town will be paying \$200,000 for the school. The way to solve this problem is through a Tax Anticipation Note which is paid back after property taxes come in. Haven't seen anything in subsidy this fiscal year. Jack said it will be way down, perhaps starting as a deficit.

Tax commitment

There will be a delay in the tax commitment due to a discrepancy in the figures. Stuart, Jack, and Jessica will have to go over everything and rectify this week, after which a special Selectboard meeting will be called. Claudia stated that the postponed commitment puts Deb in a bind, as she will not have a 10 day window to prepare liens.

Dave Boucher stated this is the second or third year in a row with problems with the commitment – should we do something else? He also inquired about any follow-up regarding the River Rd property taxation issue he brought forth at a Selectboard meeting a few months ago. Jack promised to have a response for Dave by September 27th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jesse Smith-Pinkham appointment to shellfish committee

Jessica informed the board of a conflict with being distantly related to Mr. Smith-Pinkham and the technical requirement that she not sign his appointment sheet. The appointment will be delayed until both Stuart and Jack are present.

WARRANT:

Wastewater warrant number 103

Amount: \$ 552.51

Number 6

Amount: \$73,515.31

A motion was made to approve the above warrants. Seconded. Passed 2-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from Darren Casey regarding Time Warner Cable service

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.