

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
October 4, 2010

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

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

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2010 meeting as revised to clarify Georgetown joining the Rocky Channels School System and the subsequent lack of the \$50,000 penalty. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tax issue:

Stuart informed the Board that due to a clerical error the tax bills were sent out showing a 13.20% mill rate when in actuality they were calculated correctly at 13.0%. Dave Boucher asked for further clarification about the mill rate: was it 13.2 or 13.0, and was informed by Stuart that the figure said 13.2 but the committed for value was 13.0. Mr. Boucher asked how much the Town will be short; Stuart replied it will be approximately \$20,000 but there is sufficient overlay to cover this amount. Mr. Boucher stated that this could still leave the Town short before the year end, and questioned if the Town should employ the services of a professional assessment company. Stuart reported that last week he requested John O'Donald supply estimates on various scenarios, on what it would cost for his firm to do all the data and assessing. Dave was glad the suggestion is welcomed, and added that it would be good for the continuity factor, probably saving the Town money down the road. Claudia interjected that the commitment paper is an expense that the Town doesn't need, but Stuart stated that O'Donald would simply print a different report. Having O'Donald handle this would alleviate communication issues and would help consistency and continuity as future Selectboard members take over. Claudia repeated that a lot of the items come from other sources and it doesn't seem necessary to hand over all the knowledge and responsibility. The overlay would still have to be agreed on by Selectboard. Jack suggested discussing this further after the information from O'Donald is received.

Land Use Developer/Consultant:

Jack French, Sue Carlson, and Jack Sarmanian interviewed three individuals last week and chose Karl Olson Associates, of Wiscasset, to provide services as Land Use Planner. As such, his firm will review Land Use Ordinances, make modifications, changes, draft new ones, and develop a

Strategic Plan. The one year contract will also provide for public meetings. Some key personnel include John Mann, Elizabeth A. Delle Valle, and David Tonry. Jack stated that the contract is currently with Chris Mann, Consultant for MaineDOT, who will notify Jack when he has reviewed and then negotiate with Karl Olson.

Appointment list:

Stuart will use a master list to appoint all the members of Boards and then have the appropriate individuals sworn in by Claudia. Stuart asked for the Appeals Board member update and was informed of names. Marian Anderson is CEO and LPI. Stuart asked if John Johnson will be replaced due to health reasons. Jack will follow up. Jack informed Stuart that Larry Omland should be added as Asst. Fire Chief in addition to the EMA Director. Selectboard members reviewed the extensive list and made appropriate comments. *Stuart moved the Selectboard appoint Jim McQuaide to the Building Committee. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* Ralph Lombardi does not live in Edgecomb anymore. Joe McSwain, Ron Carey, Byron Johnson, Bob Zach, John Johnson for Utility Committee. *Stuart moved the Selectboard appoint the above names to the Building Committee. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* Jarryl commented that there are more women voters than men, yet the Boards are primarily made up of men; she would like to see more women serving on the Boards. *Stuart moved the Selectboard appoint Marian Anderson as CEO and LPI. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* *Stuart moved the Selectboard nominate Sid Gammon, John Traina, Corning Townsend, Robert MacKenney, Robert Johnson, Miles Geisler, and A. Stott Carleton to the Waterfront Committee. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* *Stuart moved the Selectboard appoint Miles Geisler as Deputy and Corning Townsend as Harbor Master. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* Stuart questioned if John Traina was intending to be Harbor Master this year; someone should follow up. *Stuart moved the Selectboard appoint Miles Geisler, Tom Boudin, David Nutt, Corning Townsend, Ed Hamilton, Mark Graham to the Boat Access Committee. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* Stuart stated that there is currently no one appointed as Fair Hearing Officer. He suggested nominating Marian Anderson who was General Assistant Manager of Boothbay. Jack will pass the appointments on to Claudia.

Edgecomb Selectmen serving as MMA Municipal Member.

Jessica will attend an MMA Executive meeting in Augusta on October 12th. Jack stated the value of having a liason with the MMA due to the complexities of government and its inconsistencies. The MMA convention is the same day and she will attend that as well.

Blasting permits:

Tim Purington, of Drilling and Blasting Rock Specialists, requested approval for blasting to be done on Chris Nielson's property at 77 High head Rd. He presented his Certificate of Liability and Blasting Permit Application. *Stuart moved the Selectboard approve the Blasting Permit for 77 High Head Rd. Seconded. Passed 3-0.* Mr. Purington requested approval for another blasting

