

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
October 18, 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 October 4, 2010 and the October 4, 2010 am meetings as read. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jarryl expressed concern that the Town is at risk regarding liability with Facebook on the town website, and, in addition, believes that a privacy statement is required. She stated that other towns tell citizens they don't sell personal information but also establish that no one else has the right to use town information. Stuart informed her that the lower right hand page of the website has a link to the privacy statement. Jarryl asked for more specifics on the upcoming public information meeting with Jim Howard of Priority Group planned for Monday October 25, 2010 at 7pm, and was told the meeting will be to discuss the impact on Edgcomb. Stuart added that there are a lot of people talking about those properties. Jarryl questioned if the homeowners association has been contacted and was told, yes, they believe so.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Town meeting October 14, 2010

All five areas of the Edgcomb Land Use Ordinance passed unanimously. The next phase is to complete the architectural design work on the building.

Introduction to Karl Olson and Associates

Jack introduced Karl Olson and John Mann, of Karl Olson and Associates, as key personnel for the one year Land Use/Planner services through the \$29,500 Gateway Project focusing on Rte. 1 area and tip of Rte 27. Twelve towns received same amount of money. The contract specifies review of ordinances, modification and writing of new ordinances, with the last phase including constructing a strategic plan. Stuart emphasized looking at the regional aspects of changes to the ordinance; John Mann agreed that there are services that vary from town to town and don't need to be duplicated. Jack informed the group they will be starting this week and anticipates a great benefit to the community. He added that he started this process last January, it was approved late May, and that the DOT was very cautious regarding the process. The next step is to sign the contract with a few changes initiated by Jack French, then to read all existing ordinances.

Maine Municipal Bond Bank

The Selectpeople signed paperwork for the Maine Municipal Bond Bank at 2.4%, a 20 year term, to fund the construction of the new Fire Station.

Time Warner issue

Stuart is waiting until the Mill Road is complete before any final paperwork with Time Warner is signed. He stated that everything with a pole on it will have internet access. Stuart originally surveyed only town roads. The Cunningham Road was not in the original grant, as most private roads weren't. John Markowski asked if, since Parsons Point was wired, the private roads off of it would be. He asked if there is any way Time Warner would "do the right thing" and go ahead and wire the private roads.

Blasting Permit

Stuart spoke with Jack F. regarding the Salt Point Subdivision; the Planning Board has approved the elevations which can only be met if there is blasting involved. Drilling and Blasting Rock Specialists, of Gardiner, will be doing the work, and presented the permit and the insurance certificate necessary. Jack asked if he would be doing any pre-surveying or notifying of any abutters and was told by Jon Rioux that it's 950' from the closest home. As far as scheduling, Rioux will notify abutters via email when the blasting will occur. Davit Nutt, as a tenant of the Weld house and therefore permitted to speak for Helen, indicated her desire to have her water tested before and after blasting. David realizes that she is a significant distance away but indicated that her well is precarious. If she falls outside of specific distance requirements then she can have her well tested, personally, before and after the drilling. The blasting is not expected to be too involved. Jon Rioux agreed to add David Nutt to the email list for notification purposes. David Boucher suggested that Rioux cc the Selectboard when he notifies the abutters, to keep everyone aware of developments.

Stuart moved the Selectboard approve blasting at Salt Point Subdivision. Seconded. Passed 3-0.

Merry Island Road condition

Jack and Stuart discussed the poor condition of the Merry Island Road; Scott Griffin said it has been decades since it was last paved. While it is narrow, virtually one lane in places, and in poor condition, it has also had mail delivered on it for decades. The local Postmaster, Karen Cole, recently sent a letter rescinding her command for residents to remove all mailboxes and relocate them to the intersection of River Road and Merry Island Rd. She suggested improvements to the road for safety of rural mail carriers, instead. Jack spoke with Karen and mail will indeed continue to be delivered to current mailboxes. Stuart brought up two problem spots; one with a gully and one with the proximity of road to house. Scott Griffin suggested the road should be on the upcoming paving list for next fiscal year. Northrup Fowler brought up line of sight issues

