

TOWN OF EDGECOMB
Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
November 8, 2010

PRESENT: Jack Sarmanian; Jessica Chubbock (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 25, 2010, and October 25, 2010 Priority Group Informational Meeting minutes. Seconded. Passed 2-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jarryl asked for an update regarding the CEO and was told by Jack that he has been without power for four days and unable to connect. Jarryl announced a new Planning Board procedure: Jack French, as Chairman, will post any unusual conditions on the front of the file folder. She believes this is a solution that will work well and decrease time lost digging through paperwork. Jarryl also confirmed that the approval for a stove in a Sheepscot Resort cabin is no longer an issue as the sale did not go through. Regarding the Utility Committee, Stuart should be aware that all PDF files of the minutes can be uploaded; she will also print out a set for Claudia's records. Larry Omland questioned how a road becomes a Town Road; Jarryl said the resident (s) has to apply for the town to take over and then it goes to Town Meeting. There is little benefit to the town to take over private roads and David Boucher commented that in his experience he has never seen any proposed or accepted. Jarryl questioned the upcoming November 10, 2010 "Special Selectmen's Meeting" posted on the web calendar and why it did not show as an executive session or what specific room it is in. Jack replied that it will begin in the restaurant and then go to executive session, however, Roy believes the Fire Marshalls' office has declared no occupancy in the restaurant. Jack moved the meeting to begin in the hotel lobby and then proceed to executive session. Susan Johns asked if the executive session is with Priority Group and was told, yes. Jack reminded everyone that next Monday night, on November 15, 2010, the second informational meeting will take place at 7:00 pm upstairs at the Town Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Truck

Last week Roy Potter presented a request and a great opportunity to purchase a 1992 Beck custom pumper from Verona, NJ with an enclosed cab. He reported that as soon as Edgcomb takes possession it would go to Steve Fenton's property in Verona where his diesel mechanic would remove the heads (one is suspected to be cracked). The \$10,000 is the maximum amount estimated to repair, at which point it would be stored in Steve Fenton's heated building until the new station is available. Roy would like to register and insure the truck in Maine as soon as he takes possession to make sure they're covered for road testing. Stuart Smith, who was not

present at the meeting, is highly in favor of and called Jack before the meeting to reiterate his support.

Roy stated that he submitted bills tonight for an exhaust system on Engine #5, new batteries, and annual service. There is \$18,642 in reserve: a CD with \$13,642 and an additional \$5,000 appropriated by Town Meeting as part of the fire truck fund. The repair of engine #5 cost \$4,643.41. Jack emphasized to Roy that there will be only approximately \$3,000 left; no new funds that can be appropriated until the next Town Meeting. He asked Roy to make sure all data is in order and submitted to Claudia. The spare truck (the FMC Engine #3 with the rusting out tank) would be sold as-is where-is as a chance to recoup some money to put back into the fund. Roy suggested that a lawyer might help navigate any liability issues. He also stated that questions had arisen at budget committee meetings about why more than one truck is needed; he replied that, if something goes wrong with one vehicle the department would still have a way to respond to calls.

Jessica moved the Selectboard authorize the Fire Department to acquire the 1992 truck from Verona, NJ, and spend up to \$10,000 from the reserve. Seconded. Passed 2-0.

Snow Plow Contract

The contract between Scott Griffin and the Town, under “Scope of Work”, required amending by adding “all Town Roads” to the sentence “...plowing, sanding, and salting *all Town Roads* in Edgecomb except Rte 27 and Rte 1”. This is to clarify that private roads are plowed independently. The Fire Station and Town hall parking area plowing was brought up, as well.

Jessica moved to approve the addition of “all Town Roads” under the Scope of Work section of the Snow Plowing contract, as well as to add “the Town Hall and Fire Department parking lots” for clarification purposes. Seconded. Passed 2-0.

Post Office Correspondence

Jack read from his response letter to Postmaster Karen Cole regarding continuing mail delivery directly to Merry Island Road residents. In the letter he stated that the Selectboard is aware of road conditions and visibility issues and will move to repair the road in early summer as part of next year’s road budget. In addition, he informed her that the Road Commissioner would begin trimming and post speed limits throughout.

WARRANT:

Number:	11	Amount:	\$216,397.14
Wastewater	104	Amount:	\$1,014.00

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm.