

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 26th, 2013

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Called to order by Vice-Chairman, Charles Grover, Jr. at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present; Joan Brooks arrived at 6:05 p.m.

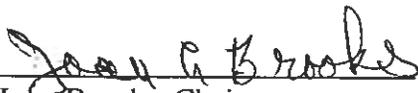
MINUTES: Meeting of January 15th, and February 12th 2013. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Minutes. **C. Baker, Jr. / D. Goodwin Vote 4-0.**

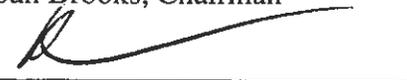
PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions or comments at this time.

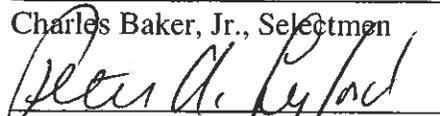
PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his report for January. He spoke about an excessive number of calls to a particular group home run by OHI. The Department responded to 11 calls in January alone. Ellis explained that he will meet with the subjects care providers to see what can be done as it is very taxing to the department and the town. Chief Ellis stressed the need to re-activate the Capitol Equipment Account and start putting some cash away for future needs. Another area of action Ellis mentioned was the need to purchase a new fire truck, as the current one is 33 years old and from the time the specs start to delivery time on a new one is approximately a one year process. Refinancing the Lead Engine was suggested by the chief during the discussion.

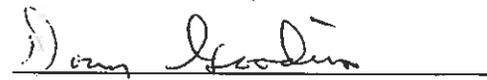
Police: Deputy Mason's report for the month of January. Mason touched on the issues at the Group home that was mentioned by the Fire Chief, and agreed it is a problematic area for both EMS and Law Enforcement Agencies. Deputy Mason spoke about a burglary case in town that he has been working on for some time, an upcoming polygraph test and the assistance of the subject's mom and sister will be what he hopes, enough to close the case.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen


Charles Grover Jr., Vice-Chairman


Donn Goodwin, Selectmen

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: January Report – Russell informed the board that the transition from the previous Animal Control Officer to the new was going well, very few calls, no issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: I-395 Freedom of Access update – The State has sent the emails requested, in PDF form to the Town's Attorney, Charles Gilbert. (a fee of \$520.00 to the town).

2013-2014 Budget – The process of changing the fiscal year was discussed, Russell tried to explain, the process and how the change, would require a 17 month billing period, covered by two tax bills, then. After that, it would be on a normal cycle and there would be a regular 12 month cycle broken down by two yearly payments.

NEW BUSINESS: Sign Warrant for Town Meeting – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the warrant for Town Meeting. **D. Goodwin / P. Lyford Vote 5-0.**

Russell reminded the board of the Meeting in Hampden RE: State Budget Reductions.

State Representative & Resident, David Johnson was in attendance at the meeting to ask what areas would they like to see cut, or to write any questions and concerns the town has and he would follow up at the next meeting with the information and answers as best he can. Russell also asked him for more info on the homestead exemptions, and what effects it would have on the towns' taxpayers.

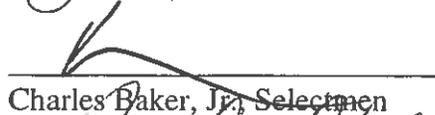
WARRANT: Motion to sign warrants for February, 2013.

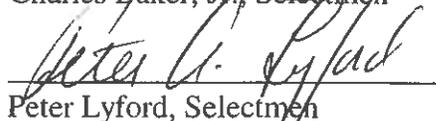
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PUBLIC ACCESS - No questions asked.

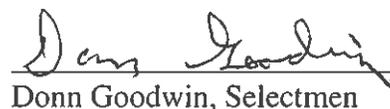
ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn, 7:20 p.m. **C. Baker, Jr. / J. Brooks Vote 5-0.**


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