



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday
February 21st, 2017
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Mike Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting on January 17th, 2017. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as written. J. Brooks / J. Powell Vote 4-0.
(M. Carreira did not vote, as he was not present at the previous meeting.)

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his report for January.

The department noticed an increase in EMS calls, due to the cold and flu season. A fire on Jarvis Gore Road was extinguished quickly, due to having people in the station. The response time was less than 8 minutes. Ellis said he cannot over emphasize the importance of having people in the station, with reference to the student live-in program, adding that a few more minutes, would have resulted in a very unfortunate outcome, for those homeowners. A recent incident at the Elementary School made for a "first time for that" story, by Chief Ellis. An alarm, coming from a pull station in the portable classroom, had gone off four times in two days. After a lot of head scratching, and hiring an electrician to come take a look, the culprit was two dead mice, which apparently had chewed through the wires. The department recently received a Assistance Volunteer Title 4 Grant (\$800.00, with matching funds, from the Town) The money will be used to purchase Foam Cartridges and 200ft of 1in booster hose.

Police: Deputy Chris Watson submitted his report for January. There were 105 calls for service that were handled by Penobscot County Sheriffs. Watson spoke about the first Homeland Security Meeting he attended with representatives from RSU #63, Holden and Eddington Fire Departments, Holden Police Department and Penobscot Sheriff's Office. Their next meeting will be in March. Watson also attended a 3-Day Training on Critical Incident Stress Management.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


Mark Carreira, Selectman


Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman


Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman

Joe Powell, Selectmen

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: No calls for the months of January.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon announced that an RFP will be going out in the next week or so, looking for vendors to contract with for a Half Day Child Care Program, to be located at the Eddington School. Gagnon said the service will be paid for by parents of children attending. Hoping for a signed contract by March 2017. Attached is a statement she read as part of her monthly report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No items.

NEW BUSINESS: MRC – Equity Charter Members option to sell ownership interests back to PERC – Known as the Put Option. Russell said Eddington’s share is \$8,170.00, as part of a recent settlement with PERC & MRC, and that a Town Vote would be required to take any action.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to make this an Article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.
M. Carreira / J. Brooks Vote 5-0.

Municipal Elections – Set for Tuesday June 13th. Joan Brooks and Michael Shepherd terms expire this year as Selectmen, as well as Nicole More’s seat on the School Board. Nomination Papers will be available on March 24th, with a return deadline of April 28th. Dates will be posted on the Town website and FB Page.


Annual Town Meeting Date – **A motion was made, seconded and passed to set the date for June 20th, 2017.**
J. Brooks / J. Powell Vote 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Cedar Grove Homeowners’ Association Appeal of the Board of Appeals Decision (Info Only, no action needed)

Chairman Michael Shepherd said he had spoken with Greg Louder, from MRC, via email. He wanted to bring it up for transparency purposes and asked that a copy of the email be entered as record. He also mentioned paperwork that had not been received by Louder from the Town. Russell said he had the paperwork on his desk and would get it to him within the next few days.

Motion to enter M. Shepherds email into the records by M. Shepherd / M. Carreira Vote 5-0.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


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Referencing a previous discussion on consultant, Chairman M. Shepherd asked Board members for permission to approach a local consulting firm, to see if they could come give an informational presentation, to see what they could do for the town. Mr. Shepherd said the company, Starboard Leadership Consulting Firm, was an affiliate of Rudman and Winchell, and they would need to make sure there were no conflicts of interest.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to have M. Shepherd approach the Starboard Leadership Consulting Firm, and ask them if they would come do a presentation.

J. Powell / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 5-0.

WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and approved to sign warrants

J. Brooks / M. Carreira Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Resident, Theresa Woznik, asked if the Cedar Grove Homeowners Association Appeal was public information and if so, could she have copies. Russell told her it was public information and would make copies for those who requested them.

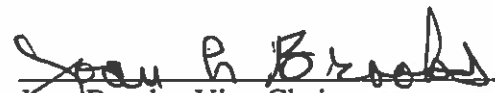
Rusty Gagnon spoke about the School Board Seat coming up, and that Nikki More did not plan to run again. She stressed how important it is to have someone who is willing to be involved, who has lots of time and willing to work on issues at hand. She estimated the member would need to be available a minimum of 6 hrs. each month.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

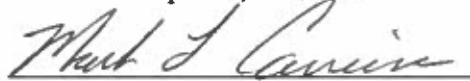
J. Brooks / J. Powell Vote 5-0.



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