



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 22nd, 2016 MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present.

MINUTES: Minutes of January 19th, 2016 – Motion to approve as written.

P. Lyford / M. Carreira

Vote 5-0.

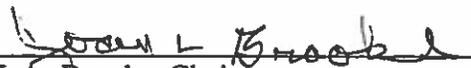
PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted and reviewed his report for January. Ellis announced the arrival of the new engine on February 4th, 2016. During an alarm call to the Boy Scout Camp, the lead engine not being able to make the icy road unfortunately slid backwards, went off the road into a ditch area, and was hung up against a tree. Chief Ellis expressed that the roads had not been sanded, were very icy and no one in the truck was injured. Ellis suspects the engine will be out of service for several months for repairs.

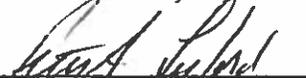
Police: Deputy Chris Watson submitted his report for January – Special Patrols have been the thing during the past month, in efforts to slow traffic down on several areas in town.

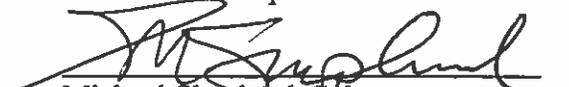
ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: No Report for the month of January.

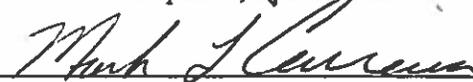
SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: The superintendent's contract was renewed, he will continue in his position for the next 10yrs. Gagnon said the school board is very impressed with his work, a lot of issues are being looked at and getting fixed. Gagnon spoke about the budget potentially increasing by \$200,000.00, due to salary negotiations. With 60-65% of the teachers having been in the district for 15 years or more, it is likely some will be retiring and we wouldn't want them all to do that at once. It will be hard to attract and retain any new, younger teachers coming, if they aren't offered a competitive salary compared to the surrounding towns. For instance a substitute teacher in Bangor is paid \$125.00, whereas our district pays \$65.00 per day. The State cut \$350,000.00 from last year's allotment, the district is in hopes that doesn't happen again this year. The district also needs to purchase another bus.


Joan Brooks, Chairman

Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman


Peter Lyford, Selectman


Michael Shepherd, Selectman


Mark Carreira, Selectman

NEW BUSINESS: Set Date for Annual Town Meeting – A motion was made, seconded and passed to set the annual town meeting date for June 15th, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. at the Eddington School.

Elections (Primary and Municipal) will be on Tuesday, June 14th, 2016.

Nomination papers for Selectmen will be available on March 18th, 2016.

Selectmen - P. Lyford and C. Baker, Jr. terms are up.

School Board - Rusty Gagnon's term is up.

MRC & PERC - Russell Smith reviewed the information in packets given to selectmen. He spoke about how the current contract with PERC and its 187 municipalities is set to end in May of 2018. With so many questions still unanswered and no current operation in place with MRC, it doesn't make sense to jump at a decision at this time. New information will come out during the upcoming meetings over the next few months, and hopefully things will make better sense in how to proceed. The next meeting is set for Monday, February 29th, in Bradley at their Municipal Office. (PERC Presentation)

OTHER BUSINESS: Workshop with MMA – No date as of yet. Russell is waiting for an email response. (workshop covering the roles and duties of Selectmen, Planning Board members and the Board of Appeals)

Recognition Ceremony Date – Set for Tuesday, March 1st, 2016.

Tax Increment Financing Presentation Date – No date confirmed yet, between Russell and Ben Birch.

Planning Board Public Hearing on a Wireless Tower – February 23rd. (info only.)

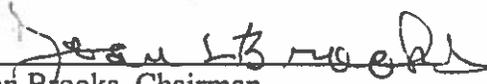
WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign warrants.

M. Carreira / M. Shepherd Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Theresa Woznik mentioned areas on Riverside Drive that were in need of attention, perhaps even hindered people from moving here due to the messes in several yards as well as run-down buildings.

Frank Arisimeek suggested that the town, code enforcement and planning board members should start working with small businesses, being more business friendly, and stop running them out of town.

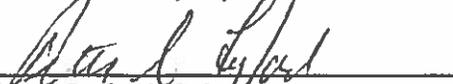
ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. P. Lyford / M. Shepherd Vote 5 -0.


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