

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday
May 16th, 2017

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

Libby's Salvage, operated by Wilbur Libby and family, and was started in 1942. Wilbur said the state comes to inspect 2 to 3 times a year and has no issues to date. Susan Shane asked if the cars for sale on the lot were for an auto business, to which Libby explained that the original car sales applicants backed out of the proposed business and the vehicles on site are personal vehicles that are for sale. When asked if they did auto repair on site, Libby said they have always done auto repairs on site as well. No other questions or comments made, the Public Hearing was closed at 6:03 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: M. Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting on May 2nd, 2017. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as written.

J. Powell / R. Wood

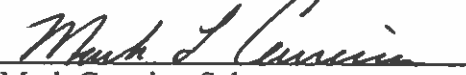
Vote 4-1.

(M. Carreira was not present at the meeting the minutes covered, so he did not vote.)

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his report for April, with a total of 50 calls covered. There were 2 Brush Fires in one day which basically began, and ended, the Spring Fire Season. While our department was providing station coverage, for the town of Milford, so their crew could attend visiting hours for one of their own department members, Eddington members responded to a medical call and a kitchen fire in less than an hour. On April 1st the Eddington Department responded to 3 calls within a half hour. Chief Ellis spoke about the recent grant funded rescue boat, adding that delivery is expected in mid-June. Ellis also mentioned the recent clutch replacement on the brush truck, costing approximately \$1200.00. Ice water training finished in April and some members took part in an EMS Skills Lab, at the Brewer Fire Department. The spring CPR Class had approximately 20 ppl in attendance. Lt. Craig Russell spoke about a recent meeting he attended with the Red Cross, regarding a program for folks to register online for free Smoke Detector, which will be provided by the Red Cross and installed by the Fire Department.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


Mark Carreira, Selectman


Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman


Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman


Joe Powell, Selectmen

Police: Deputy Watson gave his report for the month of April with a total of 96 calls for service handled by the Sheriff's Office including; 1 Reportable crash, 1 property damage, 32 Special Patrols (most being speed enforcement in School Zone, Main Road, Jarvis Gore and Riverside Drive), 2 Public Service Events (Schools), 25 Property Checks for Businesses and Residential, 9 Arrests / Summons, and 5 Agency Assists. Extra Trainings and Meetings include: April 11th an 8hr. Homeland Security TASER Training Certification. April 24th & 25th a Presentation at UTC, for Crash Reconstruction, with High School Students. April 28th and 29th, Dep. Watson took part in the Drug take back event, from Union St. Mall to Augusta (Police Escort). This event was after his regular shift in Eddington. Watson also commented that this was one of the largest take back days to date.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: No report available at meeting. Russell said the emailed monthly report will run a week or two off from Selectmen's meeting dates.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon was present and was happy to announce there was a candidate running for the School Board seat in Eddington. She encouraged people to get out and vote, explaining that even when someone is running unopposed, shows people do care about the process and are in support of them. Rusty turned this section of the meeting over to Superintendent Susan Smith, who brought informative handouts with her. Susan recognizes the School Budget is a big portion of a municipal tax bill, and offered to explain any areas in question, to try and help folks understand what goes in to funding Education. Susan explained additions and changes in expenditures in an easy to read Budget summary handout. (to be included in the Minutes, as a hard copy) This year's School Budget is an increase of 1.54% over last year. Susan passed out copies of the proposed budget as well as a sample warrant for the Annual Budget Meeting, which takes place on June 1st, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Holbrook School.

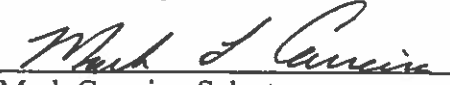
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Cable Franchise Agreement – A motion was made, seconded and passed, authorizing Town Manager to sign agreement. J. Brooks / M. Shepherd Vote 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Sign Libby's Salvage Annual Junk Yard Permit – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the permit. J. Brooks / J. Powell Vote 5-0.

Sign School Referendum Warrant - A motion was made seconded and passed to sign the warrant. M. Shepherd / R. Wood Vote 5-0.

Authorization to sign Animal Shelter Contract Agreement – A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Town Manager to sign the agreement. J. Brooks / M. Carreira Vote 5-0.

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OTHER BUSINESS: Work on 2017 – 2018 Budget – Russell told Board members that the Auditor will attend the meeting on 5/18, to present the annual report. Areas of discussion, to be continued at Thursdays Budget Workshop: Legal Fees, approximately \$35,000 was spent last year and \$11,000 the previous year. Need to look at doing some reserve account replenishing.

Veterans Memorial account under Human Services, it was suggested that \$500.00 be added this year, and this is a continuing account.

A general poll vote among board members, regarding the Historical Society request for \$5000.00 as a warrant article, was taken and voted on 4-1, for the removal of it from the warrant.

(Selectmen R. Wood voted to keep it as an article and let the citizens decide)

Fire Chief, Jim Ellis spoke on the brush truck replacement, recommending a warrant article, authorizing Selectmen to spend up to a certain amount from reserves, vs. taking out a loan. All selectmen were in agreement to go for replacement of the brush truck this year.

Trash & Recycling Bids are due by the end of the month. Still waiting for paving quotes (Clewleyville, Levensellar and Rooks Roads). Russell will check with MMA regarding the process on discontinuing a road.

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

J. Brooks / M. Carreira

Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Resident, Theresa Woznik, would like to see the town purchase an electronic sign for out front. It was suggested one could be purchased for around \$4000.00.

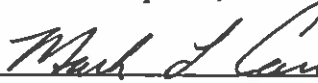
Rusty Gagnon asked how the Fire Department gained access to the Boat Launch at Davis Pond, referring to the gate blocking access for public. Chief Ellis informed her that they have permission and a master key to use, in case of emergencies. Joan Brooks explained that launches were originally designed for people needing access, not for folks already living on the waterfront areas. The topic is ongoing, someday hoping to have a public boat launch in Eddington.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

J. Brooks / R. Wood

Vote 4-0.

Michael Shepherd, Chairman



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Budget Summary for RSU 63 Fiscal Year 2018 2017-2018 School Year

The Proposed Budget for FY18 is an increase of \$149,226.81 (1.54%) over the 2016-17 Budget. Changes in expenditures are summarized below. These changes ensure we are meeting our mission and help us move towards our vision for the students of RSU 63.

Regular Instruction

PreKindergarten at the Eddington School

Investing in providing PreKindergarten to all our eligible students was supported by the respondents to our community survey conducted in the fall of 2016. For the 2016-17 school year, we have had PreKindergarten students on a "wait list" and some other students have attended PreKindergarten at the Dedham School. During the 2017-18 school year, we will run 3 half-day sessions of PreKindergarten so we can have up to 48 students (rather than our current 32). This adds a ½ time PreK teacher and a part time Educational Technician. Using funds from our current fiscal year (2016-17), we will be adding a bathroom to one of our classrooms so all the PreK (and Kindergarten) classrooms will have a bathroom. We will continue to provide transportation and lunch for our PreK students.

Grades 2 Through 4 Math Support at the Holden School

We have found the model of sharing one educational technician among the classrooms at the Eddington School to be effective in providing interventions and supports to small groups of students who are having difficulty. Next year, we will apply this model to the Holden Elementary School and hire an educational technician to work full time to provide additional instruction and support to students in Mathematics. This position will nicely complement the literacy support provided by certified teachers at both the Eddington and Holden Schools.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Teacher at the Holbrook School

We currently have four Grade 6 teachers and anticipate 51 students moving up from Grade 5 to Grade 6. In this budget we shift a Grade 6 teaching position to a school-wide position providing math instruction and support as well as technology instruction (with the possibility of adding engineering electives in the future).

Special Education

Next year, we will need an additional special educational technician at the Holden School. We currently have 2 educational technicians at Holbrook that were not budgeted for in FY 17. We have also increased tutoring/home instruction while decreasing more costly out of district placements.

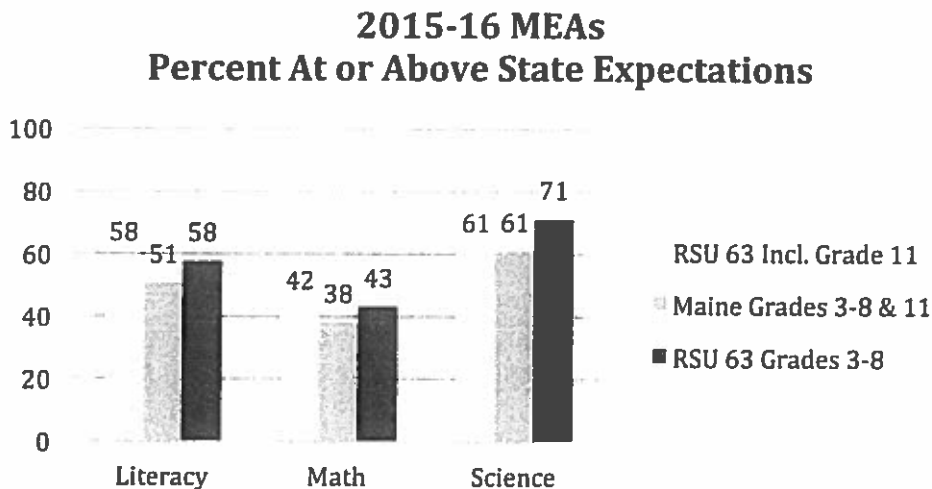
RSU 63 is Doing More with Less

Efficiency in education can be defined as how well a school district can teach its students while spending as little as possible to do so. By this definition, RSU 63 is doing very well. The top three highest scoring districts for Literacy, Math, and Science spent an average of \$14,712 per student. Maine's average student expenditure was \$12,551. RSU 63's per-student expenditure was \$10,500, two thousand dollars below the state average and \$4,200 below the spending of the highest achieving districts.

Despite our smaller per pupil expenditure, RSU 63 students scored higher than the state average in Literacy, Math, and Science on the Maine Educational Assessments (MEAs). RSU 63 students are at the 72nd percentile for Literacy (scoring higher than 71% of other districts in Maine), at the 68.5th percentile for Math, and at the 55.5th percentile for Science. In other words, despite spending less than the state average per pupil and significantly less than the average per-pupil expenditure of the highest performing schools in the state, RSU 63 students are well into the top half of student achievement. RSU 63 is doing more with less.

MEA Data: Grades 3 through 8, and 11

The Maine Educational Assessments (MEAs) test students in Grades 3 through 8 plus Grade 11 in Literacy and Math. Only students in Grades 5, 8, and 11 are tested by the MEAs in Science. Overall, RSU 63 students, including our students in area high schools, scored better on the MEAs (Maine Educational Assessments) than students across the state.

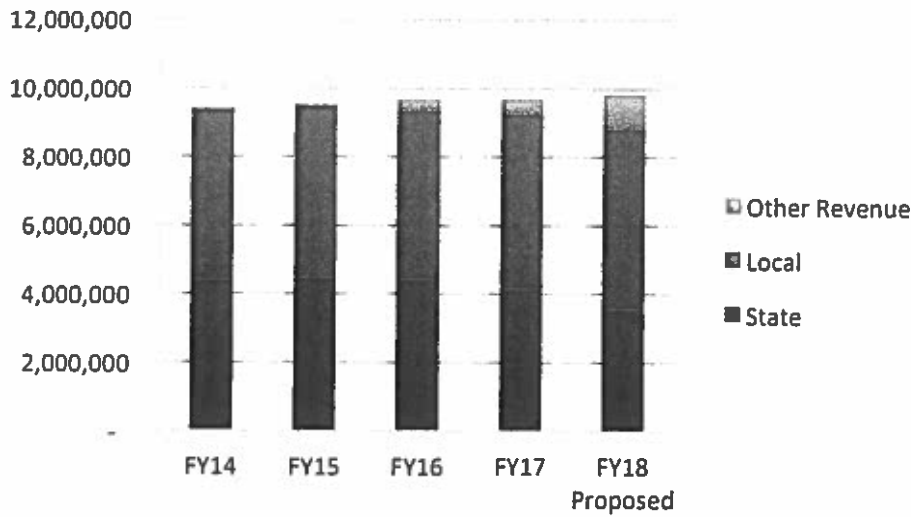


Note:

This analysis is based on financial data available on March 3, 2017 on the Maine Department of Education Data Warehouse http://dw.education.maine.gov/DirectoryManager/Web/Maine_report/MaineLanding.aspx and 2015-16 Maine Educational Assessment data available through the MAARS Public Portal <https://lms.backpack.education/public/maine>. The top 3 districts for Literacy were Yarmouth, RSU 51, Mount Desert CSD, Falmouth; the top 3 districts for Math were South Bristol, Falmouth, Yarmouth; and the top 3 districts for Science were RSU 51, Cape Elizabeth, and Bar Harbor.

RSU 63 REVENUE HISTORY

	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18 Proposed
State	4,409,179	4,480,782	4,425,559	4,145,906	3,558,266
Local	4,972,881	5,004,048	4,935,304	5,117,473	5,266,664
Other Revenue	35,843	41,764	297,640	405,049	992,725
Total	9,417,903	9,526,594	9,658,503	9,668,428	9,817,655



Local Appropriations	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18 Proposed
Clifton	719,958	714,934	699,149	722,081	746,980
Eddington	1,590,639	1,603,089	1,596,565	1,655,178	1,704,524
Holden	2,662,284	2,686,025	2,639,590	2,740,214	2,815,160
Total	4,972,881	5,004,048	4,935,304	5,117,473	5,266,664

High School Tuition

Tuition Rates are set by the state in the late fall.

Based on the actual expenses from the previous year

Does not include transportation, special education, or career and tech. ed. costs

School	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
Bangor	\$9,550	\$9,535	?
Brewer	\$9,438	\$10,084	?
Hampden	\$9,427	\$9,469	?
John Bapst	\$10,738	\$11,162	?
Average	\$9,788	\$10,063	+6%??

EPS (Essential Programs and Services) Rates

EPS rates are sent out by the state in the winter.

Based on the "Essential Programs and Services" Formula

Does not include transportation, special education, career and tech. ed. costs

	FY 16	FY 17	FY 18
Instruction	\$7,249	\$7,277	\$7,121
Technology	\$308	\$313	\$318
Assessment	\$46	\$47	\$48
Total	\$7,603	\$7,637	\$7,487

Then the state multiplies that number by 97% (taking 3% off the top)

- For FY 18 that will be $\$7,487 \times .97 = \$7,262.39$

Through state subsidy, the state provides RSU 63 a percent of that amount (state law state subsidy should be 55%)

- For FY 18, the state subsidy % for RSU 63 is 44.55% (and 54.45% local)
 $\$7,262.39 \times 44.55\% = \$3,235.39$

For FY18, RSU 63 is anticipating receiving state subsidy the equivalent of \$3,235.39 per high school pupil for the average of 284 high schools we had from April 2014 – October 2016

- $284 \text{ students} \times \$3,235.39 = \$918,850$ in state subsidy

Our FY 18 Budget is based on a projected 274 students attending high school at a cost of \$2,936,205 plus transportation, special education, and career and tech. ed. costs

The state is funding **\$918,850 (31.29%)** of the RSU 63 FY 18 budgeted high school tuition cost of **\$2,936,205**.