



# Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday  
May 2nd, 2017  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:** J. Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** Selectmen present were J. Brooks, R. Wood, and J. Powell. M. Carreira was excused and M. Shepherd arrived later in the meeting.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as written. R. Wood / J. Powell Vote 3-0.

### PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

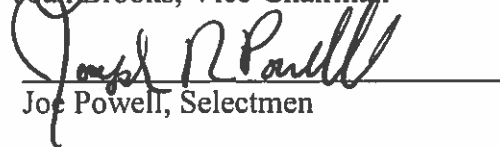
**Fire:** Chief Ellis submitted his report for March – The live-in students will be moving out in two weeks, which makes for a long summer for station coverage. Still hoping to get some people for per diem shifts but it isn't an easy task finding people to work. BLS (Bureau of Labor Standards), the mandatory yearly training has been completed. Ellis spoke about a recent fire on Monument Drive. The home being 196 years old with a metal roof and several other components made it a very stubborn fire to fight. Recognizing the efforts of the members on our Department, as well as other departments providing mutual aid for over 8 hours. He estimated the cost to be around \$3000.00 between wages, fuel, food and foam. Chief Ellis spoke about a grant that was recently awarded, to purchase a rescue boat. It was something they had mentioned last year, and given the 12 bodies of water in and surrounding our town, with no watercraft to respond, it makes great sense to have one available. Lt. Craig Russell applied for the grant from the Stephen King Foundation, a zero match grant at that. (Grant info & Boat details under New Business).

**Police:** Deputy Watson gave his report for March – A total of 115 calls for service handled by the Sheriff's Office included; 9 Reportable crashes, 26 Special Patrols (most being speed enforcement), 8 Public Service Events, 21 Property Checks, 2 Summons and 47 Traffic Stops with 17 tickets issued and 31 warnings. Watson spoke about his recent close up and personal meeting with a Deer. A fellow Sheriff Deputy and our Fire Chief, Jim Ellis, was very quick to provide complimentary photos of Watson's "Cruiser Bruises".

  
Michael Shepherd, Chairman

  
Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

  
Joe Powell, Selectmen

  
Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:** March Report included in Selectmen's packets.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Rusty Gagnon was not able to make this meeting, she will attend the meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> to give her report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** No items for discussion at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Cable Franchise Agreement – Russell gave the board members copies to look over and bring back any questions at the next meeting. Russell said he would like to see some expansion as part of the agreement. Some areas cannot get coverage, such as Chemo Pond Road, Stoney Ridge and parts of Route 46.

Sign Snow Plow Contract – **A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the contract with L.P. Williams, Inc. as previously voted on at previous meeting. R. Wood / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.**

Sign Clifton Fire Contract - A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the Clifton Fire Contract J. Brooks / M. Shepherd. Vote 4-0. (*Contract agreement - \$29, 000 for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr. \$33,000 the 2<sup>nd</sup> yr. and \$38,000 the 3<sup>rd</sup>, then revisit at the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.*)


Stephen & Tabitha King Grant Award to Fire Department – Lt. Craig Russell, spoke in addition to the information Jim Ellis had previously provided, during his Public Safety Report. After researching several vendors and making pricing inquiries, the boat they thought would best suit their needs is a 14ft. Aluminum Hull, Inflatable Zodiac Boat, complete with 40hsp motor and trailer, for \$14, 450.00. The grant amount awarded is \$15,000.00. When selectmen asked about training or any insurance issues, Lt. Russell explained that Maine Municipal Association will cover the boat just like the ATV, its all part of their equipment. Craig will work on lining up a Boating Safety Class for the department, perhaps a joint training with other surrounding fire departments and the warden service. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Grant to make the purchase. J. Brooks / R. Wood Vote 4-0.**


**OTHER BUSINESS:** Work on 2017 – 2018 Budget – There was discussion on approaching the Boy Scouts of America, to see if they would consider sharing some of the maintenance costs in grading the Road. Russell explained that the bulk of the traffic on Camp Roosevelt Road goes to the B.S.A. Camp, year round. The camp itself is located in Clifton yet the caretaker's home is in Eddington, and both are tax exempt.

Sweets Hill Road was brought up as a road that really should be discontinued, as a Town Maintained Road. Russell said it would need to be done by a vote at Town Meeting.

  
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Fire Chief, Jim Ellis, stressed the need to start putting money back into Capital Improvement accounts each year, pointing out that over the years this hasn't been happening and everyone knows it's not cheap when a truck needs to be replaced, like the Brush Truck, which needs replacement as soon as possible. He explained that grant money keeps the operating & equipment budget down part, reminding us how lucky we have been, due to Lt. C. Russell's efforts in that area. (For instance- 1 set of gear Pants and Coat is about \$2000.00)

Russell mentioned that the Annual Audit Report is later than expected, but it is complete and would be presented at the next meeting by the Auditor. Reminding them that the figures are for last year's budget cycle. Selectmen Ray Wood asked if Russell could give the board some good numbers, showing what was left in all reserve accounts for them to look at before the budget workshop scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup>.


**WARRANTS:** A motion was made, seconded and approved to sign warrants  
M. Shepherd / J. Brooks      Vote 4-0.

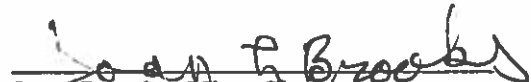
**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Resident, Theresa Woznik, said she was not in support of Historical Society's request of \$5000.00. Selectmen explained that they specifically did not add the usual recommendation line, saying they are in favor of, or not in favor of, on this particular article in the Annual Warrant. They feel it is up to the citizens to vote on it one way or another.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.  
J. Brooks / R. Wood      Vote 4-0.

  
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