

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday
August 1st, 2017
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present. (J. Powell arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

MINUTES: Minutes of July 18th - **A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as written.**
R. Wood, Jr. / P. Chapman Vote 4-0.

FIRE DEPARTMENT GRANTS: The Selectmen received a breakdown of the grant amounts in their packets. Lt. Craig Russell reviewed the 2016 Regional AFG Grants applied for, explained what each one would be used for and stated the department's recommendations for vendors. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to award the RIT (Rapid Intervention Training) bid, in the amount of \$9750.00 to Tri-County Training Assoc., out of Lewiston Maine.**

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

A motion was made, seconded and passed to award the Rehab Equipment bid with the amount of \$3380.00 to Massimo, for the Oximeter, and \$17,653.00 to Sunbelt, for the Rehab shelter.

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


NEW BUSINESS: Discontinuance of Roads – Russell included some guideline info in Selectmen packets. Chairman M. Shepherd said he reviewed the information he was given and said that at first look it seems difficult, but once he read through the steps it really wasn't difficult just a few steps and some time to do them. State law allows towns to do this and it can save the town money. Eddington has 13 total miles of Town maintained road, discontinuing Sweet Hill and Blackcap would cut 1.5 to 2 miles off that in regards to plowing and road maintenance costs. It was decided that we should hold an informational type public hearing, to get a feel for what the townspeople want. A meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 19th, 2017.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


Pamela Chapman, Selectman


Mark Carreira, Vice- Chairman


Joe Powell, Selectman


Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

Public Access at Planning Board Meetings – M. Shepherd asked for some feedback, in response to the Planning Boards recent decision to nix Public Access at their meetings. P. Board Chairman Mark Perry explained that meetings were getting out of control, it was the most uncivilized thing to see and it was not helpful, to anyone. Perry noted that the meetings have been much better and faster without Public Access on the agenda. Roberts Rules is what the Town follows, and it does not require it. Selectmen, Ray Wood and Mike Shepherd agreed that they think the public deserves to be heard, as sometimes useful information can be learned from someone in the audience. Selectmen M. Carreira suggested limiting time, and if the topic gets of subject, shut them down and take control of the meeting at that point. Planning Board Chair, M. Perry spoke about the duties of Selectmen being very different from the duties of a Planning Board. The Planning Board’s purpose is to make sure the applications submitted meet requirements of the town’s ordinances. People can always be heard by requesting to be on the agenda, pre application, or at a Public Hearing. Mike Shepherd made a request that the Planning Board re-visit the issue.

Appointments for 2017 - A list was given for review and after a brief discussion regarding Planning Board vacancies, **a motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint the list as printed, with the exception of Planning Board alternates and Comprehensive Plan Committee Members, which they will address at another meeting.** M. Shepherd / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: Appeal of Final Decision of Planning Board Concerning Hughes Bros. Inc. for a 10 acre Quarry. – Informational only from Russell. A tentative date for the Appeals Board to meet is August 29th, 2017.

Next Selectmen’s Meeting – August 15th, 2017 – Informational only

Town Picnic, Sunday, August 13th from 12pm to 3pm – Informational only

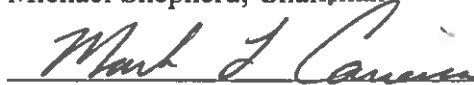
WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and approved to sign payroll warrant. M. Carreira / M. Shepherd Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Joan Brooks referred back to the discussion on meetings and public access, pointing out that Town Meetings are not to discuss anything and everything, only what was on the warrant.

Theresa Woznik inquired about the road side electronic sign progress. She said it was mentioned a while back and thought it was voted on to be purchased. Russell said it wasn’t an actual vote, it would be looked into pricewise, yet has not been as of this meeting.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


Pamela Chapman, Selectmen


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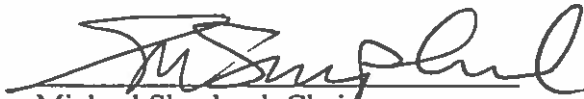
Frank Arisimeek expressed his thoughts on the appeal for the Quarry's Approval decision. He thinks it's a waste of time and taxpayer money. Planning Board approved the quarry, it is licensed with the state and has already been in use for the past 5 years. Selectmen M. Shepherd explained that the right to appeal is a state law and this begins the process of taking it to court.

Brad Goodwin believes that the recent decision by the Planning Board, not to have Public Access at their meetings, is a terrible precedent to set. As much as he understands it is the prerogative of the Planning Board, he still feels that public input is a great thing, adding that time can be controlled, and the town of Eddington may be one of few municipalities that do not have it.

Susan Dunham-Shane, a Planning Board member, pointed out that the vote to change the meeting format and discontinue Public Access at meetings, was not a unanimous vote. However, it is not in Roberts Rules and having it on the agenda was more of a privilege, not a right. Personally, Susan feels that information provided by public comment has been very useful at times, referring to the days of Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance changes.

Frank Arisimeek said he has interacted with the Planning Board for various things over the last 30 years and Public Access did not help him get anywhere, it just delays the process of applications more than anything.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.
J. Powell / R. Wood Vote 5-0.



Michael Shepherd, Chairman



Mark Carreira, Vice- Chairman



Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman



Pamela Chapman, Selectmen



Joe Powell, Selectmen

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