



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY
October 4th, 2016
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Mike Shepherd called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present, except J. Powell, who arrived at 6:56 p.m., due to an unexpected family medical issue.

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting on August 30th, 2016. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as printed.

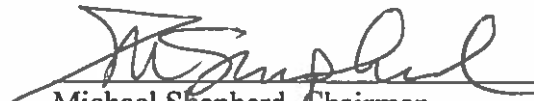
M. Carreira / R. Wood Vote 3-0.

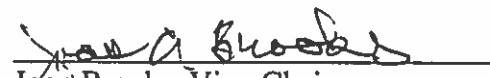
**M. Shepherd recused himself from the vote as he was not present at the August 30th meeting.*

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his report for August. A lightning strike, determined by the Forrest Service, was the cause of the fire on the top of Blackcap Road last month. September started with a structure fire on Strawberry Lane, in Clifton. Thankfully no one was hurt, the family was not at home at the time. Ellis said the department tends to have a harder time with station coverage during summer months, due to vacations and the lack of availability. Applications are now being accepted and due in by October 7th, 2016. Becky Kendrick, has left the department, she lives further away now and works full time for Bangor Fire. The live in students are back in the station, as summer break has ended. The department is awaiting delivery of 2700ft of fire hose and new fittings, purchased through the bid awarded last month. The \$18,000 grant was applied for and obtained by Lt. Craig Russell.


Police: Deputy Chris Watson recently completed training on "A Citizens Response to Active Shooter" He is now able to teach folks how to respond, using the Avoid, Deny, and Defend Protocol. The Sheriff's Department is also working on a School Assessment to teach the staff the same defense tactics.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


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ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Copies of the August Report were given to board members.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon first expressed appreciation for the Fire Department, thanking them for the assistance she received the prior week. Gagnon regretfully reported a significant change for superintendent's position in the S.A.D. Due to health reasons, Ken Smith will no longer be the Superintendent for the S.A.D., effective October 28th, 2016. Susan Smith, who is currently director of curriculum and instruction, will add the role of Superintendent, as part of her contract, ending 2018. There is a draft agreement, effective October 17th, 2016 for the dual position. Susan Smith was recommended for the position by Ken Smith. A celebration for Mr. Smith will be held at the Holbrook School at noon, on Friday, October 7th.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Utility Trailer – Russell reported that the utility trailer was purchased for a \$100.00 less than the approved amount, at the previous meeting. Info only, no action needed.

NEW BUSINESS: Trash and Recycling – After a brief discussion regarding the pay per bag option, Chairman Michael Shepherd said he would be interested in hearing how the residents feel about this option. Selectmen J. Powell had asked Russell to put the issue on the Agenda for discussion. Powell said he is all for the pay per bag option, due to the amount of trash bags he sees each week, adding that he believes it would encourage more folks to recycle if they had to pay for stickers or tags.

OTHER BUSINESS: Clifton Fire Contract – A reminder regarding the meeting set for Wednesday, October 12th, 2016. Chairman M. Shepherd asked what the general consensus was with the board, as he remembers the last time it was discussed, board members were all over the place with what they felt was fair. Somewhere in the \$3000 - \$5000 range will be the suggested increase.

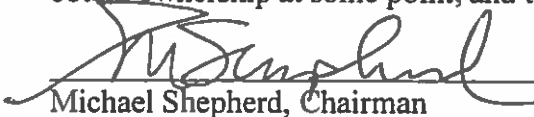
Next Selectmen's Meeting Date – Tuesday, October 18th. – Info. Only, no action needed.


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

J. Brooks / M. Carreira

Vote 4-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Rusty Gagnon informed the board that this past weekend, the owner of the Rooks Road Boat Launch, dropped the chain and allowed access to any residents that needed to get their boats out before winter. She said there were a total of 5 boats took advantage of the offer. While there, she noticed the propeller on her boat was having issues, due to water lilies and weeds growing out of control there. She really wishes someone would do something to fix this, and is hopeful that the town can obtain ownership at some point, and take care of the overgrown weeds.


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**public access, continued*

Rusty Gagnon mentioned the bricks purchased for the Veterans Memorial area, asking that if there is no plan to make these part of the monument, then they should return the money that has been paid.

Gagnon also suggested that the Town Manager provide monthly finance reports, like the school board does, so the residents are more in the know of what's being spent.

Employee, Shawna Hinkley, spoke on behalf of residents on the Clewleyville Road, who are continuously having issues with trash collection. Hinkley asked if someone could speak to the contractor and ask them to simply keep the 7:00 a.m. contracted start time in check. When they start earlier which is said to be often, causing a few residents extra work and frustration of hauling it back up a driveway after dark, sometimes after animals have torn the bags apart. Russell told the board he would handle the call to the contractor himself and ask them to be aware and consistent.

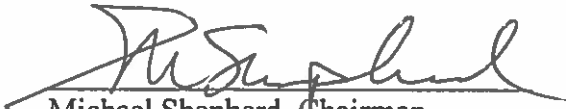
Hilma Adams asked when Tax Bills would be mailed out. Russell said they had not been printed yet, that he was in hopes to have them out by the end of the week, or by the first part of the following week.

Frank Arisimeek spoke about his frustration with the board's decision to re-elect / reinstate the Chairman (Susan Shane) position on the Planning Board. He feels that she is misleading the applicant, using old information as new and is just not qualified for the job and some action needs to be taken by the Selectmen. The application for the Hughes Quarry has been dragged out for three years now and it's very frustrating. Chairman M. Shepherd asked what Mr. Arisimeek feels would be proper action for the Select Board. Arisimeek suggested they attend Planning Board meetings and just listen to what goes on.

James McLeod, resident on Fox Lane, referring to the comment by Frank Arisimeek, pointed out that the application delay was due to the operators of the quarry not the Planning Board, referenced their bully tactics and illegal quarry operation. Frank Arisimeek spoke that the quarry McLeod referred to is a legal and working quarry, that it has been approved, however no permit was actually issued. McLeod said that even the town's attorney called the proposed permit fraud.

Theresa Woznik told the board that it is the Selectmen's job and responsibility to watch over the Planning Board.

Dan Morrison asked when the Veterans Memorial Committee was going to have their initial meeting. Michael Shepherd told him he would contact the members ASAP and get a meeting date set. Morrison also suggested putting the bricks up off the ground, in a wall type display.


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Cindy McDonald, a resident of the town, Real Estate Agent since 1985 and the Board of Appeals Chairman, says she has tried to lay low over the years due to her position on the Appeals Board. However, she has heard how several banks, real estate agents and even some attorneys have encouraged people not to buy property or do business in Eddington, due to all the hoops and setbacks, while dealing with our municipal gov't boards. She is concerned that the town is getting a bad reputation and would like to see ALL board members pull together, follow all rules and regulations, get any training that is offered to the town, especially where it is free. She added that she (and her family) have been residents of Eddington most of her life and she hates to see the town so divided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) CEO Position
at 7:04 p.m. **J. Brooks / M. Carreira** **Vote 5-0.**
Motion to close this Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. **J. Brooks / R. Wood, Jr.** **Vote 5-0.**

Motion to go into a 2nd Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (E) Legal Matters
at 7:23 p.m. **R. Wood, Jr. / M. Carreira** **Vote 5-0.**
Motion to close 2nd Executive Session at 7:48 p.m. **R. Wood, Jr. / M. Shepherd** **Vote 5-0.**

Motion to go into a 3rd Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (C) Acquisition of Real
Estate Property at 7:48 p.m. **M. Carreira / M. Shepherd** **Vote 5-0.**
Motion to close 3rd Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. **M. Carreira / M. Shepherd** **Vote 5-0.**

Motion to enter into a Tax Purchase Installment Agreement for 9 Robertson Lane and have Town
Manager draw up the agreement. **R. Wood, Jr. / M. Carreira** **Vote 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 8:01 p.m. **J. Brooks / J. Powell** **Vote 5-0.**


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