



# Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013 6:00 P.M.

### Minutes

**CALL TO ORDER:** Called to order by Joan Brooks at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** J. Brooks, D. Goodwin and Peter Lyford present. C. Grover, Jr. (absence excused) C. Baker, Jr. to arrive late.

**MINUTES:** Meeting of November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 - Motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as printed. **D. Goodwin/P. Lyford** **Vote 3-0.**

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Ray wood from Coffey Hill Way wanted to address the Board on the open pit quarry and residents concerns.

1. Property values drop within 1 mile radius up to 30%. Would extend to Riverside Drive and Davis Road. Effect a lot of people if values drop, Others taxes go up to make up difference. Company comes in and the Town gets nothing from it. Town subsidizes company for profit.
2. Water Tests – Pollution, dust generated into water base. 20 acres, doing first 10 acres then expanding to the next 10 acres.
3. Wildlife and Game – Town have survey taken. Go forward not backwards.

Town has improved over the years with more people moving in. Will listen to trucks banging around loading rock. They can't have a crusher on site so the blasts will be bigger. Real fine dust, silica, #2 cancer causing agent next to asbestos. Wouldn't know who would develop respiratory problems for up to 10 years later. The school has 189 students. The Board should ensure the rights and health of its residents. Planning Board submitted request for a moratorium to the Selectmen. The Board should take a good look at again and revisit.

(Selectmen Charles Baker, Jr. arrived at 6:09 pm)

The Town of Eddington is coming out the big loser.

Ralph McLeod: Pre blast survey, insurance, danger to wells, foundations, chimneys and homeowners insurance.

Joan Brooks

Charles Baker, Jr.

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Dennis Goodwin

Peter Lyford

James McLeod: The Gas Pipeline is a major taxpayer. The quarry is moved closer to the pipeline. If there is a rupture the gas goes into the water.

Ray Wood: The prevailing wind is right over the hill to the school. There are Radon issues. There are a couple homes now that have radon problems and are not into the ledge. Board should vote yes to a moratorium.

Craig Knight: Businesses in concrete are running out of rock and looking for rock. There is no ordinance to protect the Town and to protect the residents from harm.

Selectmen should revisit the moratorium.

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

Fire: Chief Ellis – November Report, Chief Ellis was not present to present report. Report given to Selectmen.

Capital Ambulance Contract: Motion to authorize the Town Manager to sign.

**C. Baker, Jr./D. Goodwin      Vote 5- 0**

Police: Deputy Mason – November Report, Deputy Mason was not present to present report. Report given to Selectmen.

**ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:** No report for December.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** Rusty Gagnon acknowledged David McCluskey who was present as School Board Chairman and thanked Town Manager, Russell Smith and Selectman Charles Baker Jr. for attending the December School Board Meeting.

1. The Transportation committee is looking at Sites for a bus garage. Current rent is \$24,000 a year up \$1,000 and another \$8,000 for heat, porta potty and water that has to be brought in. They are looking at Frank Arisimeek's Garage on Route 9 in Eddington. They are looking at generating revenue. John Cyr & First Student only private bus companies around. Looking into transporting for others. Hampden Academy is paying to transport our students there and Orrington maybe interested in busing from us. They have one more year on their contract. Joan brooks stated that then we would have to have more buses. Rusty stated that we could vote in June and take out a bond possibly.
2. Working on budget trying to hold to what budget was last year. Mr. Spencer at Eddington School has had no new textbooks for 10 years. Augusta is \$40 million in the hole and are going to cut again. In January there are open meetings on the budget.

  
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3. Operations of AOS Board/Structure has certain kinds of authorities. Representatives from all Towns weighted votes. Many of the Department Heads are under the AOS Board and not SAD #63, Superintendent, Special Ed Director, Business Manager, Transportation and Maintenance Director and Technology Director. The Principals are under SAD#63. Talking about the budget impacts on our budget. Wanted the Selectmen to be aware and have a close relationship with the School Board. Next School board Meeting is January 27<sup>th</sup>.

Charles Baker asked if the school is allowed to provide transportation for other schools. Rusty stated yes and don't want to get into trouble. She said Cyr has tried to sell. They are doing a cost comparison of leasing versus having own. Contract services are \$63,000 to \$66,000 more than doing on our own. Contracts usually provide cheap rates for the first year then go up after the buses are gone and then we are held hostage.

More transparency. Going thru policies and they will be posted on the website.

Peter Lyford asked if one person or group of people are looking for a garage to do cheaper. Rusty said the garage of Arisimeek's could be expanded. The value of \$169,000 with current taxes at about \$2,200. Rusty said going to be something new come to Eddington with some benefits.

School Board Meetings are the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday's of each month. Eddington Group on Facebook.

It was asked to reconsider at this time the Moratorium and make an amendment.

Ray Wood: Declare Moratorium to allow the Planning board to do there job. Planing Board has 180 days after Special Town Meeting to draft an Ordinance. Residents only recourse is to force the moratorium on their own if the Board of selectmen does not give any direction. If don't do an amendment they have to collect 10% of the last gubernatorial vote which is 104 signatures and the Board of Selectmen will be forced to do a moratorium. Planning board given the task to draft a moratorium Ordinance. This is about the health and welfare of the residents and not the sucking noise leaving town in a truck. Rusty Gagnon concerned about Special Ed kids going to Eddington School. David McCluskey referenced a meeting comment by Hughes Brothers, drilled well then drained. 140 feet is the closest well and it dropped 6 inches. Do sound tests, 49 decibals, 33 decibals when running generator. They go to 20 acres and then 30 to 40 and 60. Look at Winterport Google Map.

  
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Ralph McLeod: Councilor from Holden, mining and quarries in doing the comp plan is the same as Holden. Didn't think something like this would come same as a nuclear waste site. Moratorium would give the Planning Board a chance to do an Ordinance.

Brian Briendel: Has not seen results of water tests. Seems like everything is negligent or malicious.

Mrs. McLeod: Hughes said they would talk to people but haven't. Said they were not doing anything and they were drilling a well with a generator going. She asked a question of Hughes after one of the first meetings and was told to talk to her attorney.

Provisional approval from the Planning Board. 50 years this goes on. If wells go bad then Hughes said that is what you have insurance for.

Up to the Board of Selectmen to do a moratorium. Put conditions on it look out for the public health and well being of the residents.

**Motion to have Planning Board draft a Moratorium Ordinance and bring back to Selectmen to schedule a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting.**

**D. Goodwin/C. Baker, Jr.      Vote 5 – 0**

**WARRANT:** Motion to sign warrants for December.

D. Goodwin/C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn at 7:08 pm. C., Baker, Jr./D. Goodwin Vote 5-0

  
The image shows four handwritten signatures on a document. The first signature on the left is 'C. Baker, Jr.' with a checkmark below it. The second signature is 'D. Goodwin'. The third signature is 'R. Lyall'. The fourth signature is partially obscured. Below the signatures is the text 'BOARD OF SELECTMEN'.

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