



Town of Eddington - 906 Main Road Eddington Maine 04428

SELECTBOARD MEETING
TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 27th, 2024
6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Chairman Ray Wood, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: R. Wood, Jr., D. McCluskey, P. Chapman, and D. Doughty. M. Carreira had an excused absence.

MINUTES: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of January 30th, 2024. D. McCluskey / D. Doughty Vote 4-0

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire Dept: The January report was reviewed by Chief R. Davis and Deputy Chief C. Russell.

Police: The January Report was included in Select Board packets. Shawna told the Board that there would be a change in contract deputies in March and that Troy Morton would be present at the next meeting to discuss it with them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mowing Contract Extension Request—After reviewing the figures presented for a three-year or five-year extension, the board agreed to extend the current contract for five years based on the previous years' work. **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to extend the contract with Josh Greer for the next five years with the amounts presented.** D. McCluskey / D. Doughty Voted 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Trash Contract Discussion - Casella's contract expires this year, and given the limited availability of this service in the area, Shawna requested some direction from the Select Board on whether to renegotiate with Casella directly for another three years or still put the Trash Contract out for bid. Shawna informed the Board that she was waiting for some figures and feedback from Casella. D. McCluskey suggested checking with Bolsters, a Burham, Maine-based company, to determine if they offer Municipal Contracts or only dumpster delivery services.

Ray Wood, Jr. - Chairperson

David McCluskey, Vice-Chair

Mark Carreira, Selectperson

Pam Chapman, Selectperson

Deana Doughty, Selectperson

New Business continued.....

Contract for Tax Revaluation Services - **It was motioned, seconded, and passed to accept the contract with Josh Berry for Tax Relatable Services and authorize Shawna Hinkley to sign.**
D. McCluskey / P. Chapman Vote 4-0

2024 VFA Grant for Fire Department - **A motion was made, seconded, and passed to permit the removal of \$4,568.25 from the Fire Dept Equipment Reserve Acct. to match the VFA Grant.**
D. McCluskey / P. Chapman Vote 4-0

The project is for 25 Forestry Helmets, 16 pieces of fire hose, and 1 thermal imaging camera.

Municipal Projects / Capital Improvement Plan - The Select Board reviewed and supported the proposed six warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting. If approved, these projects will be funded using money from existing reserve accounts and ARPA Funds, which must be allocated by the end of the year. A date for the Special Town Meeting will be set, and a public hearing will take place before it. Warrant for Special Town Meeting to be signed at the next meeting (March 19th, 2024).

OTHER BUSINESS: 2024 - 2025 Budget & Town Meeting Schedule

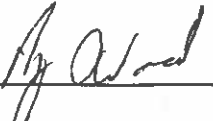
Nomination Papers available by 03/05/2024 and due back by 04/12/2024 1 Select Board Seat and 1 School Board Seat are available.

Absentee Ballots are available now for the Presidential Primary Election to take place on March 5th

WARRANTS: A Motion was made, seconded, and passed to sign the available warrants.
D. McCluskey / P. Chapman

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions or comments from the public at this time

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. **D. McCluskey/D. Doughty Vote 4-0**



Ray Wood, Jr. - Chairperson



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