

## Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 MINUTES

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

**ROLL CALL:** All Selectmen present.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of December 15th, 2015 – Motion to approve as written.

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

## **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted and reviewed his report for December. Ellis spoke about a recent incident that did not end well for a dog who fell through the ice on Chemo Pond. This very unfortunate incident is what prompted Lt. Craig Russell to search for a Live Rescue Sled for the department. He found the Sled, started a gofundme page, and within 18 days had received enough donations to make that purchase for the department. The Department is awaiting the delivery of the new Firetruck. Chief Ellis said it was somewhere between Florida and Massachusetts, and should arrive in the next couple of weeks.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to trade in the old rescue truck for a credit of \$2500.00, which will be put towards the new lease with Autotronics.

(the current lease expires in March 2016).

P. Lyford / C. Baker, Jr.

Vote 5-0.

**Police**: Deputy Chris Watson submitted his report for December. Watson reported that there were 87 calls over the past month, several dealing with IRS Fraud, which he has documented. Several special details were completed over the past month, targeting speeding vehicles in the School Zone as well as the area of Jarvis Gore and Route 9, the village area.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Copies of November report were given to board members.

Joan Brooks, Chairman

Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman

Peter Lyford, Selectron

Michael Shepherd, Selectman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

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<u>ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:</u> Copies of the December Report were included in packets to board members, as well as totals for the 2015.

**SCHOOL BOARD REPORT:** No report from Rusty Gagnon at this time.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u>: Audio System – Russell informed the board that he was working towards a purchase, most likely in next year's budget.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Sign Annual Animal Control Contract with Penobscot County - A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the contract.

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

Sign Abatements – Wrong form, no action taken at this meeting.

Veterans Memorial Committee – Russell said there would be an "Interest Search" put on the Towns website. Selectmen, Michael Shepherd said he would like to invite the Baillargeon Family to the next meeting, to review the various duties they have been taking care of since the memorial was built.

Comprehensive Plan, Economic Development, Committees – Russell Smith explained that a committee will be formed to discuss where the town wants to head in the future. This process will most likely require several committees within a committee. Surveys and questionnaires will go out to residents in town, to gather input, and a feasibility study for a business district. Russell said that Ben Birch, a local assessor, has offered to do a presentation on TIF Monies. PVCOG and EMDC were agencies used during the last update to the Comp Plan. Hoping to appoint members at the February Selectmen's meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS: Set up a workshop with MMA – Informational only, no action needed. (this workshop will go over the roles and duties of Selectmen, Planning Board members and the Board of Appeals)

Recognition Ceremony Date – TBD

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

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

<u>PUBLIC ACCESS</u>: Selectmen, Peter Lyford, mentioned the condition of the soil in the Cemetery on Riverside Drive, near the Eddington / Bradley town line. It was his understanding that the mowing contractor was supposed to treat that. A brief discussion ensued regarding the current contractor and areas that need attention, the board decided to re-visit this, adding it to the next Agenda.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

C. Baker, Jr. / M. Carreira Vote 5-0.

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Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

Peter Lyford, Selection