

# Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

## SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
6:00 P.M.  
MINUTES

**CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:** Mark Carreira called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All Selectmen were present

**MINUTES:** Minutes of March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as written. J. Powell / P. Chapman Vote 4-0.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** Sing Abatements – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the abatement for 2014 and 2015 equipment charges, on what should have been a deleted as tax account.

R. Wood, Jr. / M. Carreira Vote 3-1 abstained

Marijuana Moratorium Info – Russell gave the board members a copy of a Moratorium for MMA, which can be modified with Eddington. Russel said it can be included in the Annual Town Meeting warrant articles. Ray Wood, Jr. suggested a Public Hearing to see how the residents feel on the issue.

Fire Department Budget – Chief Ellis began the discussion by first recognizing members of the department. Recently retired, Lt. Gene Kelso, who has been on the fire department for 30 years. Kelso's last day was March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The department is planning a Retirement BBQ sometime in May, date will be announced later. Lt. Craig Russell has been promoted to Captain and Alan Boynton has been promoted to Lieutenant.

  
Mark Carreira, Chairman

  
Pamela Chapman, Selectmen

  
Ray Wood, Jr. Vice- Chairman

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Joe Powell, Selectmen

Fire Department Budget continued...

Chief Ellis presented his budget to the board, recognizing that the fire department is the largest budget item, next to the school. He explained the current state of the department, with emphasis on staffing and availability issues, a problem so many departments are facing. Ellis told the board he would run the kind of fire department they wanted, but he needed to know what that was. Ideally he would like to have three Full time employees to provide station coverage 24/7, however he understands budgets and realizes that won't happen all at once. Chief Ellis said it was time to do something different and presented three options for them to consider. The first option was to do nothing and adjust the budget accordingly. The second option would be hiring a second full time firefighter at an approximate cost of \$50,000. The third option being a full time firefighter for a six month period of January 2019 to June 2019 at an estimate of \$15,000. The six month option would give the department time to update their personnel policy, making it specific to the Fire Department vs. the Municipal Office policy, which they currently follow. After a lengthy discussion on cost effective strategies and scheduling, Selectmen, J. Powell, said he would be in support of adding another full time position, R. Wood agreed in the logic of adding one new position at this time, then reviewing with Fire Chief next year. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to add one new full time position to the warrant for town meeting.**

**J. Powell / R. Wood, Jr.                      Vote 4-0.**

2018 – 2019 Budget – Russell informed the board that as of right now, it's looking like a total increase of \$58,758.00, over last year's budget. Figures should be in and everything ready to finalize the budget, at the May meeting.

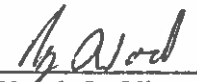
**OTHER BUSINESS:** Next Selectmen's meeting April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, to include a Public Hearing for the Special Town Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 , . Special Town Meeting

Nomination Papers due back by April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Elections Conference - Russell and Shawna will be attending the conference on May 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sunday River Resort in Bethel. It is a requirement for the Town Clerk and the Registrar to attend a conference every 2 years, to keep up on Maine State Election Laws, Title 21-A.

  
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**WARRANTS:** A Motion was made, seconded and approved to sign warrants.

J. Powell / P. Chapman      Vote 4-0.

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Hilma Adams spoke about a recent letter she received from MDOT, RE; I395 Extension. The letter was in regards to accessing her property for test boring land. She has 13 acres of land involved in the project area. She said they had planned to buy residential properties first, then any land needed.

Deputy Chris Watson introduced a new Deputy on the Sheriff's Department, Nick Covell. Dep. Covell has been on the job for about a month and a half, he is also a former resident in town.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Personnel Matter, Code Enforcement, at 7:22 p.m.      R. Wood, Jr. / M. Carreira      Vote 4-0.

Motion to enter back in to regular session at 7:38 p.m.      M. Carreira / R. Wood, Jr.      Vote 4-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

P. Chapman / R. Wood, Jr.      Vote 4-0.

  
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