



Town of Eddington - 906 Main Road Eddington Maine 04428

**SELECT BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY
OCTOBER 24th, 2023
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, M. Carreira, and D. Doughty.

MINUTES: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of September 19th, 2023. **D. McCluskey / D. Doughty** **Vote 4-0**

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

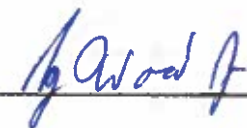
Fire: Chief R. Davis reviewed the September monthly report

PCSO: The monthly report for September was available in packets for review.

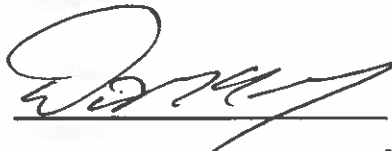
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: BD Solar Application Decommissioning Costs Review - Nick Sampson provided a copy of the revised Decommissioning Plan with increased estimated hourly rates, broken down on one page, as requested at the previous Select Board Meeting. A question from Select Board Vice Chair D. McCluskey asked whether the Solar Array is inspected/reviewed on an ongoing basis. The frequency is every five years. Member of the Planning Board, Susan Shane suggested that the motion should reflect that the BESS will be reviewed at a later date if the batteries will not be used at this time.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to accept the projected costs with the new version of the decommissioning plan of \$775,555.00, which was received on 10/12/2023 via Email. The Projected costs of the BESS Decom are subject to later approval. **D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 5-0.**

- *The Select Board has not decided on the type of surety required for financial assurance. Nick from BD Solar suggested a letter of credit, which would provide the same level of assurance as a decommissioning bond but with less burden on the project owner. D. McCluskey asked Shawna to email the board a copy of that section in the ordinance.*



Ray Wood, Jr. - Chairperson



David McCluskey, Vice-Chair



Mark Carreira, Selectperson



Pam Chapman, Selectperson



Deana Doughty, Selectperson

NEW BUSINESS: General Assistance Ordinance - In accordance with the 2023-2024 version of the State General Assistance Ordinance, a motion was made, seconded, and passed accepting the new maximums. **D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 5-0**

Request from Fire Dept. for Thermal Imaging Camera Replacement - A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the replacement based on the estimate presented by Chief Davis. **D. McCluskey / D. Doughty Vote 5-0**

Tax Assessor Resignation - A Motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the resignation of Ben Birch, with regret. **D. McCluskey / P. Chapman Vote 5-0**

New Tax Assessing Agent - A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the Assessing Services Agreement / Authorizing Town Manager to sign agreement with Jacky Binette. **D. McCluskey / P. Chapman Vote 5-0**


OTHER BUSINESS: Referendum Election - Tuesday, November 7th, 2023. Polls open for 8 am - 8 pm


Annual Clean Up Day - Shawna reported that the first annual clean up day went very well with great support and positive feedback from the citizens. Special thanks to Ray and David for their strong arms/back and being part of the event.


WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign available warrants. **D. McCluskey / P. Chapman. Vote 4-0.**

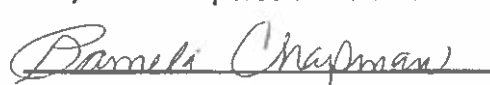
PUBLIC ACCESS: Susan Shane was sorry she missed the Clean Up Event. David Peppard offered words of appreciation / support for Shawna Hinkley as town manager, noting accomplishments he has observed.


ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. **D. McCluskey / P. Chapman Vote 5-0**


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