

Town of Eddington - 906 Main Road Eddington Maine 04428

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Tuesday, May 18th, 2021

6:00 PM

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Mark Carreira, at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

All members except Pam Chapman were in attendance.

MEETING MINUTES: The April 20th, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written.

R. Wood, Jr./D. Doughty Vote 3-1 abstained

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Jim Ellis reviewed the report for the April fire with board members.

Police: Selectmen received the April report in their packet material. Dep. Birch was off duty.

PUBLIC ACCESS: David Peppard addressed the Board of Selectmen regarding an email sent by the Chairman to the other Selectmen. Peppard was offended because he felt the email implied there was some influence on the vote for the mineral extraction section of the zoning ordinance. Discussions on these changes began approximately three years ago. Carreira stated he had neither accused anyone of anything nor had he believed anyone had committed any wrongdoing but instead stated what might be implied due to the way in which the change occurred. Additionally, Mark stated that he was just bringing awareness to a potential problem.

Mark Carreira, Chairman



Ray Wood, Jr. Vice-Chairman



David McCluskey, Selectperson

Pam Chapman, Selectperson



Deana Doughty, Selectperson

NEW BUSINESS: Superintendent Smith reviewed the district's use of Covid funds, including the replacement of a generator at the Holden School, asbestos removal at Holbrook, and technology upgrades at Holden. RSU 63's annual report included a budget update for the district. In comparison to last year, Eddington's share is down \$77,900.

RSU 63 Warrant and Notice of Election - **There was a motion made, seconded, and passed to sign the warrant for RSU 63.** **D. McClusky / D. Doughty** **Vote 4-0.**

Bids were received for the bridge on Clewleyville Road. The engineer will review the bids, analyze costs, and give his recommendation. The job will be awarded at the next regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting.

Chemo Pond Road - Test boring was conducted, and the underlying base will be analyzed to determine how much clay is in it. There are 7100 feet of road that need to be rebuilt. The goal is to determine which sections are the worst.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Warrant for The Annual Town Meeting - **A motion was made and seconded to approve the warrant with the exception of Article #27.**

D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr. **Vote 2-0, Motion failed.**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the warrant for the town meeting as written.

D. Doughty/ M. Carreira **Vote 2-2. Motion failed.**

The board members had a discussion about the proposed mineral extraction setback amounts, and each person expressed his or her opinion on why it should or should not be included in the warrant.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the warrant for the town meeting with the exception of Article #27. **D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr.** **Vote 3-1 Motion passed.**

OTHER BUSINESS: Next Meeting Date June 15th - Annual Town Meeting

Next Selectmen's Meeting Date - July 13th, 2021 Tentative

Mark Carreira, Chairman *Ray Wood* _____
Ray Wood, Jr. Vice-Chairman *David McCluskey* _____
David McCluskey, Selectperson

Pam Chapman, Selectperson *Deana Doughty* _____
Deana Doughty, Selectperson

PUBLIC ACCESS: Craig Knight referred back to his vote on the Minimum Setbacks for Mineral Extraction and claimed he was just a swing vote, not the one who made the decision to impose the 1200 feet minimum setback.

McCluskey says he does not understand why they want to mess with the current setback or add more reasons that may further devalue the area. In his opinion, the town should remain a nice place to raise a family rather than become an industrial town.

Mark Carreira responded that he would have preferred the article on the warrant to let the people make the ultimate decision because the setback was not his decision.

Brad Goodwin commended the Planning Board for all their efforts on the changes to the Zoning Ordinance and had hoped the Selectmen would be able to compromise.


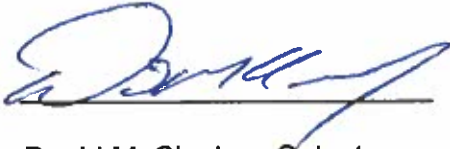
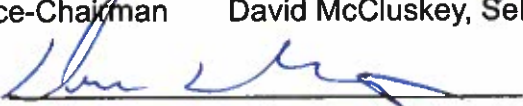
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) Personnel discussion. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to go into Executive session. D. McCluskey / D. Doughty Vote 4-0.**

Executive Session began at 7:25 p.m. and ended at 7:42 p.m.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Employment & Sign Contract with Shawna Hinkley. D. McCluskey / Ray Wood, Jr. Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

R. Wood, Jr. / Deana Doughty Vote 4-0.

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Mark Carreira, Chairman	Ray Wood, Jr. Vice-Chairman	David McCluskey, Selectperson
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