

*Town of Eddington - 906 Main Road Eddington Maine 04428*

SELECT BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY  
AUGUST 29th, 2023  
6:00 PM

MINUTES

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

**ROLL CALL:** R. Wood, Jr., D. McCluskey, M. Carreira, P. Chapman and D. Doughty present

**MINUTES:** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes as written for the meeting of July 25th, 2023. P. Chapman / D. Doughty Vote 5-0

**PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

Fire: The monthly report for July was available in packets and reviewed by D/C Russell

PCSO: The monthly report for July were available in packets for review.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Election of Municipal Officers - A motion was made, seconded and passed to nominate Ray Wood, Jr. as Chair. D. McCluskey / P. Chapman Vote 5-0.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to nominate D. McCluskey as Vice-Chair. R. Wood / D. Doughty Vote 5-0.

Bangor Hydro Easement - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sign the corrected easement requested by Versant Power, regarding the I395 project, at Comins Lane / Route 9. D. McCluskey / M. Carreira Vote 5-0.

Annual Liquor License for Meadowbrook Dance Center - A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve/sign the license renewal. D. McCluskey / M. Carreira Vote 5-0.

Ray Wood, Jr. - Chairperson

David McCluskey, Vice-Chair

Mark Carreira, Selectperson

Pam Chapman, Selectperson

Deana Doughty, Selectperson

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Financial Section of Solar Ordinance RE: Decommissioning Financial Requirements. Board members felt the rates for skilled labor were low, so they asked Susan Shane, Planning Board member, to request a breakdown of the costs for decommissioning, including staff, staff hours, etc. At the next Planning Board meeting, Susan will present the following info to the Solar Applicant.

**QUESTIONS RAISED:**

1. In the latest Decommissioning Plan submitted June 30th, 2023 the labor rate is listed as \$30 per hour. The applicant's cover e mail explains that upon further review BD Solar realized that the proposed amount for labor did actually reflect a rate of \$30/hr, which is current rate in Maine according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

(Susan note: at \$30/hr the \$9,445 for Transportation costs would equal 314 hours.)

*There is concern that this does not capture the much higher rate of pay that many specialized jobs, such as crane operators, and heavy equipment operators, typically pay. To clear up this concern the Selectboard requests clarification in the form of item #2.*

*2. The Selectboard would like the Decommissioning Labor Cost chart to be laid out more as a standard budget chart. It would show staff numbers, staff pay level, equipment costs, and hours needed for each section. This will help the Board understand the concern listed in item #1.*

Please keep in mind that in an e mail of 7/12/2023 from Nick Sampson to Shawna that the applicant is asking to sever the estimated cost of BESS removal from the rest of the project, and have you approve both amounts now. That way they will not have to come back to you if they do go with the BESS. I think Shawna put that in your packets.

*3. Do you want the applicant to come to your meeting on 9/19 so you can question them directly? (Expecting that they will provide the requested paper work to you before the meeting.)*

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Municipal Office Hours - Shawna shared a list of towns and cities around the state that have gone to a four-day work week, sorted by population, with explanations of how the process has worked for them. The Eddington Office Staff expressed interest in this as well, so it was taken to the Board for consideration. Several comments were made regarding the taxpayers' feelings, etc. regarding the closure of the office either on Friday or Monday. Board members initially did not support the idea and Shawna was asked to provide more information and it would be reevaluated.



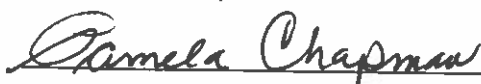
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Other Business continued.....

Harris Disposal Refusal Letter - A letter was addressed to the Select Board regarding the excessive weight of trash bags by Scott Point Residents. The letter was copied and sent to all residents of Eddington encouraging them to be aware and do better.

Update on Road Work / Projects Completed - Shawna informed the Board that all paving projects that were scheduled / approved have now been completed: Tree Removal, ditching & prep work for paving on both Pond & Nickerson Roads, ditching on Rooks, Cross Culvert Replacement Project on Monument Drive completed and paved over.






**WARRANTS:** Motion to sign warrants available

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Motion to add Public Access to the Agenda by D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr. Susan Shane asked if there was a plan for culverts and road work on the Hatcase Pond Road. She was told nothing was lined up at the current time. As of now, there is no decision either way; it depends on the budget and time available.

Roger Wood asked what if any advantage there was to the town with the proposed Solar Project? Tax dollars would be a benefit, he was told.

Scott Newhart asked if recycling would ever return to the town, as he still recycles, but now takes it to Ellsworth. The current Trash contract expires next year, so that can be looked into as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A Motion to adjourn was made at 7:17 p.m. M. Carreira / D. Doughty  
Vote 5-0.

		
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