

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING TUESDAY August 30th, 2016 6:00 P.M. MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Joan Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present, except Michael Shepherd. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the absence as excused.

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

MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting on July 19th, 2016. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as printed.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his report for July and spoke about the Grant for Fire Hose Bids. Chief shared the idea of purchasing a used Jet Ski, for water rescues during the summer months, adding that water activity has increased over the past five years. He referenced a recent incident, where a boat overturned in 8-10ft of water, luckily there were camp owners' nearby, who were able to assist the department. A used Jet Ski could be \$2500-\$3000 and the Fire Departments Association would be willing to put \$500.00 towards the purchase. More info to follow, still weighing options and gathering information.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Fire Hose Bid by Fire Tech & Safety, in the amount of \$14, 095.00, with a matching fund amount of \$936.00, to be taken from the equipment account.

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

Police: Deputy Watson gave his report for July, mentioning that is was a fairly quiet month as far as traffic violations. He has noticed an uptick in civil complaints and has encouraged people to talk with their neighbors vs. calling 911. Now that school is back in session, Deputy Watson plans to rotate a few shifts, being more of a presence in the school zone.

Michael Shepherd, Chairman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman

Joe Powell, Selectmen

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Copies of the July Report were given to board members.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon informed the board about the new Director of Social Services, Jess Gauthier, who will be under the supervision of the superintendent. She stated that she has resigned as the Chair of the New School Committee, and from the committee as well. The decision was based on the lack of interest to serve, the three communities. Gagnon also announced the Community Discussion Group meeting which will take place on Thursday, September 8th at the Eddington Town Office at 6:00 p. m.

The group is part of a larger process that RSU 63 has embarked upon to establish a vision and set priorities for the future of the schools. The process includes multiple stakeholder discussion groups as well as a community-wide online survey. (an excerpt from the sheet given to the selectmen at the meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS:

Sign Results of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the results.

M. Carreira / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 4-0.

Sign 2016-17 Local Road Assistance Program (LRAP) Certification Form - A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign results.

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

Sign Penobscot County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution 2016 Update – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the resolution.

R. Wood, Jr. / J. Powell

Vote 4-0.

Resident Letter RE: Davis Pond Boat Launch – The owner of the boat launch area has closed off access to the general public. The letter was written in regards to landowners with boats, who need to get them out of the water before winter. Russell said he has been talking with the current owner and hopes that the town or state would be able to obtain ownership at some point. He also offered to ask the current owner if residents of the pond could gain access on a specific date to get their boats out before fall.

Enclosed Utility Trailer – A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the town's purchase of a 6' x 12' enclosed trailer for keeping barricades, cones and road signs in, at a price of no more than \$2700.00.

M. Carreira / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 4-0.

Funds to be taken from the road account. The trailer is to be padlocked and kept at the municipal office

Properties to be condemned - More information needed, no action taken. Property Foreclosures - More information needed, no action taken.

Michael Shepherd, Chairman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

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Joe Powell, Selectmen

OTHER BUSINESS: Clifton Fire Contract Meeting set for Thursday, September 29th, 2016. Ray Wood, Jr. requested any available information to get the new selectmen up to speed and on the issue.

Meeting with School for Vision & Mission Statement – Thursday, September 8th, at 6:00 p.m. No action needed, info only. (public invited and encouraged to attend)

Next Selectmen's Meeting – Russell informed the Selectmen he would not be able to attend the next regular scheduled meeting date and asked if they wanted to meet without him or change it. The Board agreed to meet on Thursday, September 15th, 2016.

<u>WARRANTS</u> - Sign Warrants - A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign warrants.

R. Wood, Jr. / J. Powell

Vote 4-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS - None

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

J. Powell / R. Wood, Jr.

Vote 4-0.

Michael Shepherd, Chairman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman

Joe Powell, Selectmen