



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday, January 17th, 2017

6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present, except M. Carreira. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept his absence as excused. **J. Powell / R. Wood Vote 4-0.**

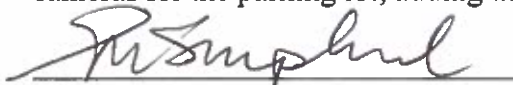
MINUTES: Minutes of the meeting on January 9th, 2017. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept as written. **R. Wood / J. Brooks Vote 4-0.**

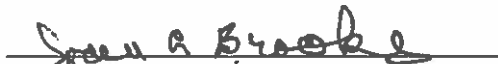
PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his reports for November and December, 2016. The year ended with a total call volume of 373, with 72% of those being Medical Emergencies. 78 of the calls were to Clifton and 48 were for Mutual Aid to other Towns. Engine #322 is back from the repair shop in Brunswick, and is back in service. The ambulance purchase that was approved by voters in July has been completed. The Old Cotton Store on Route 9 has been burnt down, as part of a training exercise and the department has started Ice Rescue Training.

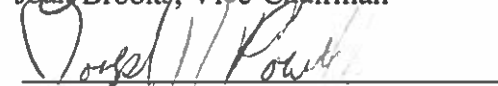
Police: Deputy Chris Watson submitted his reports for the November and December. Watson said he has averaged between about 100 calls during each month. The Holiday season is hard on families, mentally and financially which results in family fights, and sometimes assault charges as well. Still working on burglaries mentioned in the last report, several people of interest being spoken too, thanks to some leads by neighbors. Watson encouraged people to use the see something, say something method. Several upcoming meetings for Deputy Watson, including the Homeland Security Committee for the School Community. Watson will be attending a class with the Chaplin for the Sheriff's Dept., to help local citizens cope with grief, and learn debriefing skills for officers and EMS personnel. Selectmen M. Shepherd asked if there would be Active Shooter Training. Watson said yes, that will be part of the training eventually.

Hilma Adams spoke up regarding an assault she witnessed at the Elementary School. Adams suggested cameras for the parking lot, adding that it's a different world now and we all need to be more aware.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman

Mark Carreira, Selectman


Joe Powell, Selectmen


Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon announced that Selectmen M. Shepherd is now a Chess Coach for the middle school. Nikki More's seat on the School Board is up and she won't be running again this year. Gagnon spoke about the governor's budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, adding that it proposes flat funding general purpose aid for schools, which will put significant restrictions on how that money is spent, including no funding for system administration. The Budget also calls for a complete rewrite of the EPS funding formula, for implementation in the 2019-2020 school year. Local Taxpayers will be asked to pick up the additional \$5.6 million and pay for system administration, as the governor now says should be a local cost. Rusty read sections of a letter written by Yarmouth Supt., Andrew Dollof. In his letter Dollof stated that with every economic or governmental indicator used to measure a state's performance, the State of Maine, in comparison with others, performs worse than the national average and is typically closer to the bottom, than the middle. However, the one sector where this is not true is Maine Public Schools. Maine Schools perform above the national average, and with fewer non-instructional employees and for less money than most other states. In addition to student performance comparisons, Maine's schools fare well when stacked up against the rest of the U.S. on financial measures.

Selectmen Joan Brooks asked how many students were being homeschooled. Rusty said she wasn't sure as it is a confidential item as far as names. She will ask Susan in the business office for a total, to see if numbers have increased or decreased and report back.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: November & December Reports – Russell gave copies to Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Marijuana Moratorium Discussion on Retail Establishments, Stores and Social Clubs. Tabled from the meeting of 01/09/2017. The four board members were all in agreement that a moratorium right now is a waste of time. The decision was to wait and see what the state does and go from there.

NEW BUSINESS: Meridian Mobile Health LLC dba Capital Ambulance, 3 year contract. *(Chief Ellis added that the terms of the contract remained the same. However, the fee paid to Eddington is going from \$35 to \$45, for each patient transported by Capitol)* **A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Town Manager to sign the contract.**

J. Brooks / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.

Animal Control Officer Agreement – A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Town Manager to sign agreement.

J. Brooks / R. Wood Vote 4-0.


Michael Shepherd, Chairman


Joan Brooks, Vice-Chairman

Mark Carreira, Selectman


Joe Powell, Selectmen


Ray Wood, Jr. Selectman

WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and approved to sign warrants

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

PUBLIC ACCESS: Rusty Gagnon, adding to an earlier comment about cameras in Schools. Rusty explained that our schools do have cameras, but wasn't sure about the parking lot at the elementary school, she will find out.

Hilma Adams and Theresa Woznik questioned why the letters that they know have been written and submitted to the Selectmen by residents, are not attached to the minutes. The minutes say they are submitted as record, yet there is nothing online. It was explained to her that the actual letters are filed with minutes in the town book, which is the primary record. They are not attached to minutes at meetings, or online. Anyone is welcome to come review, read or copy from the Town book.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

J. Brooks / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.

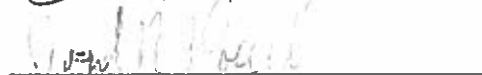


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