



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday
October 8th, 2019
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Chairman, Mark Carreira, opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: M. Carreira, D. McCluskey, R. Wood, Jr., P. Chapman. D. Doughty's absence was excused.

MINUTES: Minutes of September 3rd, 2019 - Motion was made, seconded & passed to accept as written. **R. Wood, Jr. / P. Chapman Vote 5-0.**

REPORTS:

Public Safety: Fire - Chief Ellis reviewed his monthly report for September with a total of 40 calls for assistance, seventy-five percent of those calls were for Medical reasons. The department handled two car crashes, an overdose situation in the parking lot of the Elementary School, after hours. On 09/21/19 members were called to assist several fire departments who were battling a large structure fire in Old Town, in the downtown district. Ellis explained ISO Ratings and how they are assigned. The last evaluation, which was completed in 1999, rated us as a class 6/10. The much improved rate of 4/10 goes into effect in December. This is a significant accomplishment for the fire department and community and homeowners within a 5 mile radius of the fire station may see a reduction in their insurance premiums. Training for the month included a live vehicle fire, with a donated a vehicle. Capt. Russell & Lt. Boynton attended an ATV/UTV Train-the-trainer safety course, held at the station. The department added two new members to its roster for a total of 21 members.

Police: Deputy Watson reviewed his report for the months of August and September with a combined total of 238 calls. Calls handled include several property checks, agency assists, and public service issues / events. The majority of calls are for special patrols, mostly speed enforcement.

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Reports cont'd...

Animal Control – Included in packet. 4 calls in August and 1 in September.

Code Enforcement – Included in packet. D. McCluskey said he had envisioned a monthly report similar to the Fire and Police, with a breakdown of permits issued and or violations handled, etc. Russell said he would will let Dean know.

Road Commissioner – Russell reported that 164 tons of salt and 1484 yards of sand have been delivered and put up, for winter maintenance. It was asked if the cost to put the sand up is included in contract. Russell said yes, it has been that way since 1992.

3rd Bridge on Davis Road was being taken care of by Witham Paving.
Merrill Road should be finished within two weeks, most likely paving cross trenches only due to the weather getting colder.

Town Manager Report – Russell spoke with the Auditor, and they agreed to keep their rate the same as the previous year, for another 3 yr. contract. Tax Bills will go out soon, looking at a Mil Rate increase of at least \$1.00. Russell recognized Louis Dougherty, L.P. Williams, P. A. Lyford Hydro seeding and Holyoke Foundations for the time and materials they all donated for the Veterans Monument. Board members were encouraged to go take a look at the recent work done. **A cement walkway and Memorial Bricks have been added to the area.*

Russell spoke about his time serving the Town of Eddington, dating back to 1986 when he was appointed a member on the cemetery committee and has been active in the town ever since. Russell was a Selectmen for several years before becoming the Town Manager, in 2004. He submitted a letter of resignation, from all titles, effective June 30th, 2020. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept his resignation, with regret.**

D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 4-0.

** A search committee will be formed at the next meeting, to discuss the process of hiring a new Manager.*

Mark Carreira, Chairman

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NEW BUSINESS: Historical Society Letter – Russell read the letter submitted and signed by Historical Society members. The letter was a formal request to purchase the abandoned property next to the Municipal Office. Margaret Dougherty and Pam Dorr, both residents of Eddington and Society members, expressed how most small communities have a library, museum or community centers and would like to see Eddington have a place with a climate controlled area for historical items donated through the years as well as a space for seniors to gather.

Road Name Approval – Hilltop Drive, it connects Route 9 to Fox Lane. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the road name.** **R. Wood, Jr. / P. Chapman** **Vote 4-0.**

Sign General Assistance Maximums for 2020 - **A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign.** **R. Wood, Jr. / P. Chapman** **Vote 4-0.**

Audit Ending 06/30/2019 – was discussed under Town Managers Report

Engineering Services – Three RFP’s sent, two received. Russell reviewed figures with board. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the bid from Andrew McCullough. **P. Chapman / M. Carreira** **Vote 4-0.**

Paving Bids – None available. Due to the weather and timing of bids submitted, we may miss the window to pave the Merrill Road.

OTHER BUSINESS – Next meeting scheduled for October 15th, to appoint a committee to discuss the hiring process and review paving bids.

WARRANTS: **A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign.** **P. Chapman / M. Carreira** **Vote 4-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: Frank Arisimeek spoke in regards to Russell’s resignation, stating he was sorry to hear he was leaving and commended him on all the things he has done, including the help he offers after hours when issues arise.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: **A motion was made, seconded and passed to go into Executive Session at 7:05p.m. Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. §405 (6) (A) Town Manager.** **D. McCluskey / M. Carreira** **Vote 4-0.**

Out of Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: **A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.** **P. Chapman / M. Carreira** **Vote 4-0.**

Mark Carreira, Chairman



Pamela Chapman, Selectmen



Ray Wood, Jr. Vice- Chairman

Deana Dougherty, Selectmen



David McCluskey, Selectmen