

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY
MAY 19th, 2015
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, C. Grover, Jr. A motion was made, seconded and passed to except his absence, as excused. **P. Lyford / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.**

MINUTES: Meetings of February 27th, March 3rd, March 17th & April 2nd.
Motion and seconds made to accept minutes, for each meeting.
P. Lyford / C. Baker, Jr. Voted 4-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Rusty Gagnon – Addressed a recent rumor / verbal allegations that a statement delivered to Selectmen or Planning Board stated that the reason the Bus Garage is not coming to Eddington, is because of the Planning Board. That is not the case, she would like it to go on record that the two parties could not come to a mutually agreeable lease document, and time was running out.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his report for April, adding a little comic relief, stating that grass fires were unusually low, due to the fact that it was STILL snowing! Responded to a structure fire in Clifton, and provided mutual aid for two major structure fires in Brewer in the past month. The Rescue Truck has officially been taken out of service, and the loaner from Autotronics is in house and in use. Pumper Tanker has been taken out of service and put out to bid, bids close in June. Looking at a delivery date sometime in October for the new truck.

Police: Deputy Chris Watson gave his report for April, and overall the number of incidents are down, 14 tickets issued over the past month. Watson has been running traffic in several different spots, trying to slow people down a bit as the summer traffic increases. He attended his first school fair in Eddington this past month, and continues getting to know the community.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen


Charles Grover, Jr., Vice-Chairman


Michael Shepherd, Selectmen

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: April report – Copies to Board Members. (3 Calls total)

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon gave her report on recent news with the school district. A copy of her report is attached and on record.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Oil Bids with School Department – A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow Town Manager to sign the contract with C.N. Brown.

C. Baker, Jr. / P. Lyford Vote 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS: Town Square Media Website Presentation – Paul Fickett gave a verbal presentation and a brief overview of what his company can provide for website service to the town. Fickett informed the board that the website has a cost of \$129.00 monthly, requiring 3 months payment upfront with a signed agreement, (\$387.00), total locked in rate for the year is \$1548.00.

Mowing Bids – A motion was made, seconded and passed to award the bid to Yard Pro at \$30, 400.00, for three years, with a review after the first year.

C. Baker, Jr. / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.

Sign Warrant for the Municipal Election – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign warrant for the Municipal & School referendum Election, to be held on 06/09/2015.

M. Shepherd / P. Lyford

Vote 4-0.

OTHER BUSINESS: 2015- 2016 Budget – Peter Lyford asked what the county tax figure was for the upcoming year. Russell told him it was \$7000.00 down from last year. (\$205,000) The Sheriff Contract is up \$1,054.00 this year.


P. Lyford questioned why the town needed to pay an approximate fee of \$80,000 for a contract with the county, when the town is already covered by the sheriff dept. and state police. Russell explained response time, and various other reasons where the town benefits from having their own designated deputy.

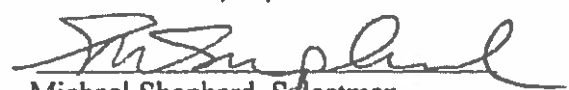
Russell told the Selectmen that the Municipal Bond Bank figure may not need to be raised until January. Town Roads Hill St. & Monument Drive will, be fixed after July 1st, 2015. Merrill Road will be the next Road to give some attention to.

Charles Baker, Jr. asked about the vacant property, next door to the municipal building. Russell informed him that he is hoping to get it turned over to the town.


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Michael Shepherd, Selectmen

Peter Lyford, Selectmen

WARRANTS: Sign warrants for May 2015. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the warrants for May. M. Shepherd / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Joan Brooks asked that only new material be spoken of and to keep it to three minutes per person.

Rusty Gagnon asked Mr. Fickett, who was doing the website presentation, if there were a way to link the school districts website off the towns. Yes, that wouldn't be hard at all.

Frank Arisimeek – Followed up to an earlier comment regarding the bus garage. He stated that the deal was not a mutual disagreement. Arisimeek explained that he had asked for a meeting and something in writing and both requests were denied.

Wind Mill Notice – Russell read a notice that informed the town about windmills being transported from north Main Street in Brewer, through Riverside Dive, beginning May 30th and ending late August.

Susan Shane commented on the website presentation and how she thinks the town is doing a great job with the one they have and doesn't see a reason to spend the extra money on anything new at the present time.

Rusty Gagnon – Reiterated her earlier comments on the school bus garage stating that the problem was not with the Planning Board, it was between Frank Arisimeek and the school.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. M. Shepherd / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.


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