



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

**SPECIAL
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
THURSDAY
JUNE 16th, 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Finish work on 2016-2017 Budget –
Russell reviewed budget figures from previous meeting and explained that some won't be exact figures until the books close at the end of the month.
The cemetery maintenance account be \$5000.00 as previously discussed, due to work that needs to be done. Russell explained that it is a continuing account, therefore any amount not spent will go into a reserve account. A road work schedule will be drafted by Russell, as requested by selectmen.

There will be a Public Hearing on June 21st, at 6:00 p.m. Figures can be discussed there and corrections or changes can be made then, if needed. After the hearing, figures are finalized and will go to a warrant to be signed by Selectmen for Town Meeting.

Russell said that once all numbers are in and the school budget amount is added he suspects an increase in the mil rate of about fifty cents. (Our current mil rate is set at 14.28)

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions asked at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion to go into Executive Session Pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. § 405 (6) (A) Town Manager Evaluation, by C. Baker, Jr. / M. Carreira **Vote 5-0.**


Motion to enter back into regular meeting at 7:10 p.m. P. Lyford / M. Carreira **Vote 5-0.**

Motion to give 3% raise to the Town Manager C. Baker, Jr. / M. Carreira **Vote 5-0.**


ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. M. Shepherd / M. Carreira **Vote 5-0.**


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Michael Shepherd, Selectmen


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen


Mark Carreira, Selectmen


Peter Lyford, Selectmen

Protection

Total increase of \$5,000

Penobscot County Sheriffs Contract & F.D. Insurance

Discussions -

An article for \$42,500 to be taken from the Fire Departments reserve account for the purchase of a rescue vehicle.

Russell stated that the Municipal Building payment had changed and the money from the Clifton contract offsets the new fire truck payment. Looking at an approx. \$38,000.00 increase.

Selectmen M. Shepherd asked for clarification on the full time positions vacation amount. Shepherd asked Russell if there were any circumstance that Lt. Russell would be receiving 5 weeks paid vacation time per year. Russell answered that Lt. Russell's vacation time is figured just like the municipal office staff, based on the number of years employment and he believes he is currently at 2 weeks.

The Clifton Contract negotiations were brought up again. Selectmen C. Baker, Jr. stressed that it is important to maintain a good relationship with the Town of Clifton. Selectmen were in agreement that they all need to be on the same page when they revisit the cost for services issue in September 2016. It was suggested that they invite the Clifton Selectmen to the budget meeting.

Human Services

Total increase of \$974.00


Areas of additional discussion included -


Cemetery maintenance account needs to be looked at. Should be built up to cover repairs, stone maintenance, etc. It was suggested to start it at \$5000.00 and let it build.


Comins Hall submitted a request for an additional \$500.00 (for a total of \$2000.00) to help defray the cost of real estate taxes. Gretchen Heldmann later thanked the board, for their consideration in the increased amount. G. Heldmann also added that the letter of request was sent in January, and perhaps got lost as "spam" for a bit.


The Historical Society request of \$5000.00, is in addition to the usual \$1000.00 appropriation. Margaret McKinney spoke on behalf of the society, explaining that members have been fundraising for years, in hopes to purchase a piece of land with an existing structure, or a small building to put on land. The Historical Society has raised several thousand already, yet not nearly enough to make a building purchase. Selectmen C. Baker, Jr. suggested putting the \$5000.00 request in the warrant articles, to have the towns people decide on it.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


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