



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY
JUNE 21st, 2016
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING
Town Budget & Warrant Articles**

Russell explained that there will be a slight change in the Town Meeting schedule. There will be a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, June 29th at 6:00 p.m., with one Article to be voted on. The Article to be voted on, gives the Municipal Officers the authorization to spend 2/12 of the budgeted amount, in each budget category, of the annual budget, from July 1st to the time of the Annual Town Meeting date, which is now scheduled for July 28th, 2016. The new Selectmen will be sworn in after the meeting on June 29th, 2016.

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Joan Brooks called the regular meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present.

MINUTES: Minutes of meetings June 7th and June 16th, 2016.

Both approved, with motions made by **M. Carreira / M. Shepherd** **Vote 5-0.**

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

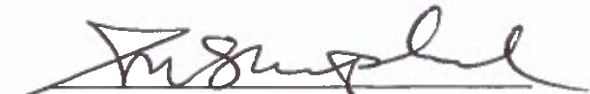
Fire: Chief Ellis submitted his report for May. Ellis reported that the lead engine (#322) is back in service. Portable Pumps are ready to go, as the grass fire season is upon us and seasonal residents are back at camp, some are harder to get to with an engine. The Firefighter 1 & 2 Academy will be hosted here again in mid-August.

Police: Deputy Chris Watson submitted his reports for May – Dep. Watson had approx. 110 calls for the month of May. Watson said he has been running a lot of traffic details on Jarvis Gore and Riverside Drive and will continue to do so over the summer months.


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Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman

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ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Report copies were given to board members for the months of May.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon spoke about the recent budget being passed in all towns on Election Day. Teacher's contracts are almost completed. The last board meeting for the fiscal year will be June 27th at Holbrook. Rusty also mentioned that the S.A.D. will be looking to hire 1-2 bus drivers. They would need a commercial license, would be eligible for health benefits.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Sign Warrant for Special Town Meeting – **A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign.** C. Baker, Jr. / M. Carreira Vote 4-1 (M. Shepherd opposed)

OTHER BUSINESS: Margaret McKinney is looking to form a committee for a Town Picnic, tentatively set for Sunday, August 14th at noon. To take place at the municipal office. If anyone is interested they can contact her or the office to be added to the list of volunteers.

WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign warrants.
P. Lyford / M. Shepherd Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Rusty Gagnon asked about future access to the boat launch on Rooks Road. She spoke with the current owner, was told it was being sold. She further expressed her frustration with the town not doing something to provide access for residents. She recently purchased a boat, lives on the water and feels that if there is no access to people who live on the water that there should be a reduction in their property taxes. Russell informed Gagnon that the State of Maine had offered to buy the boat launch for \$30,000 and the current owner refused it.



Peter Lyford asked for the estimated amount of repair costs for work done on Hill Street. Russell told him about \$6,000. Russell also stated that the paving would be going to bid.

It was asked if there were any private roads in town that were plowed by the Town Contractor. Russell explained that Lenny Williams does plow Chemo and Hatcase but it is separate from what the town pays for a contract.


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Michael Shepherd – Stepping back to re-visit the Special Town meeting vote. Shepherd personally felt that seeing something for the first time at this meeting, was not enough time to think on it, let alone make an informed decision. He further stated that if this scheduling conflict is going to happen yearly, it would be wise to add an article that allows us to spend for the extra month needed to close books on June 30th and still have time to get ready for town meeting.

Theresa Woznik – Not a fan of having the town meeting in the summer months, due to lack of attendance. She thinks the fiscal year should go back to the way it was and the town meeting in the beginning of the year.


Rusty Gagnon – Expressed her approval of the current fiscal year, adding that it was in line with the school and state budget cycles, not as much of a 6 month “pending” crap shoot, as it was before.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m. C. Baker, Jr. / M. Shepherd Vote 5-0.


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