Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**
**TUESDAY**
**MAY 5th, 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, P. Lyford. A motion was made, seconded and passed to except his absence as excused. **C. Grover/C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.**

**PUBLIC ACCESS:** Frank Arisimeek spoke to the board about the previous meeting when letters were submitted regarding the Planning Board, and wondered why there was nothing done since. Russell explained that there is a process and they have so many days to respond, etc. A joint meeting will be scheduled for Planning Board and Select Board. Frank also questioned meeting minutes of a January meeting, not being posted. Russell told him they will not be posted until they are approved by the board. Frank spoke about his disappointment with the planning board's process in several areas, noting how long it took him to get a permit he applied for in February, it was not approved until April. Russell explained that ordinances are followed, and the fact that things can be tweaked or changed by a process, yet no one has made a specific written list with items they would like to see changed.
There was some discussion about Arisimeek's quarry permit, whether he had one, or even needed one after site-plan review approval. Arisimeek was told he was all set, by the towns Code Enforcement Officer.

Hilma Adams – Would like it to be on record that they were read, at the last meeting, what was required for Frank Arisimeek's quarry. He was approved by the town, and was told to get the DEP permit, there were no other requirements in those notes, which he would need to get any other permit.

Ray Wood – Planning Board, Code Enforcement, and everyone else has to follow the rules. The requirement of section 305.5 was not met. Wood believes he missed the deadline to pick that permit up therefore he has to go through that process again.

Joan Brooks, Chairman

Charles Grover, Jr., Vice-Chairman

Charles Baker, Jr., Selectmen

Michael Shepherd, Selectmen

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Russell mentioned that joint meetings were in the works for P. Board and S. Board members, he will have more info and perhaps confirmed dates at next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Penobscot River Restoration – Clayton Cole spoke on behalf of Cheryl Daigle, who could not attend the meeting, spoke about the upcoming River Canoe Races. The "Penobscot River White Water Regatta" races will take place from Thursday July 23rd - Sunday, July 26th. They will run from Old Town's Binette Park area, and ending at Eddington's Salmon Club. Each day the races will be sorted by class, due to several different water craft, including paddle boarding. Flyers available at meeting and in the municipal office. A few safety concerns were mentioned by selectmen. Mr. Cole ensured the town that a Safety Plan & Community outreach are big parts of this event.

Gretchen Heldmann – Digital Mapping Presentation.
Heldmann works with Ray Corson at Corson GIS Solutions. A presentation of the product was given by Gretchen, she explained the digital mapping concept, gave an overview of features available, pointing out many benefits for the towns to have such a program. Gretchen told the board the cost would be $600.00 year for the hosting data company, and that she would volunteer her own time to build the app & load the layers into the program for the town, as part of a volunteering requirement, to keep her certification. No action was taken at the meeting.

Authorize Town Manager to sign Municipal Quit-Claim Deed. Waltons Campground is being sold, the property needs a clear title, which requires this action from the town, due to an old lien still showing, which has since been discharged, and the town has no interest in property. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize Town Manager to sign the form.**
**C. Grover / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.**

Sign Liquor License for Clewley Farm Restaurant – A public hearing is no longer required due to the business being in town over five years. **Motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the Liquor License for Clewley Farm Restaurant. C. Grover Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.**

Heating Oil Bids ( School Dept. ) – A proposal from the School Dept. for cheaper pricing on oil per gallon through C. N. Brown. The bids are reviewed each year and the Town can opt out after the first year (July 1st 2015 – June 30th, 2016. The price would be set at $2.26 per gal. for oil, the entire year. Russell encouraged the board to take advantage of this, as this is a good way to save the town some money on heating oil. Last year the town used approx. 2600 gallons of oil for the town, 1200 gallons of diesel fuel and G.A. is around 400 gallons. Pam Chapman suggested Robert Tracy at R.H. Foster, for a price over rack, with a lock in commitment. No action taken at this time.

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**OTHER BUSINESS:** 2015-2016 Budget – Figures that were approved last year were listed on the new sheets given to Selectmen. As far as this year, Russell said he doesn't have any new figures filled in, yet does not foresee too many changes. A budget workshop is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 7th at 6:00 p.m. Selectmen C. Baker, Jr. questioned reviewing the Fire Department Budget, and discussing money for road projects. Russell said those lines will be reviewed at the budget meeting workshop on Thursday. The Bond Bank Loan will be an article at Town Meeting, to refinance the existing building loan, and to add the fire truck loan. Town Meeting is scheduled for June 23rd, 2015. Annual School Budget Meeting 06/03/15, at 7:00 p.m. As of right now, Russell informed the board that the latest numbers show an approximate increase of $62, 000.00 for Eddington's share. County Budget was decreasing by $6000.00.

Joan Brooks asked about a joint meeting date for P.Board and S. Board. Russell has not confirmed a date yet, as one member of the Planning Board is out of State and would want them to be present.

Charles Baker, Jr. directed Russell to investigate other area towns regarding digital mapping, asking do they have it, how do they like it, and pricing.

**PUBLIC ACCESS**: Frank Arisimeek – Questioned the fact that under the new ordinance on mineral extraction permits, it states that a permit is required for existing pits, yet when he checked at the office about a month ago, he found that no permit exists. Russell said that section that refers to registering and paying the fees may need to be addressed, for clarification. Selectmen would set any fees, P. Board can make recommendations.

Gretchen Heldmann – Questioned the status of the new fire truck, where are we at. Will it be a private loan, or go through the bond bank and will it include money for the roads? Russell said it would be through the bond bank, and there will be two separate articles, at town meeting.

Ralph Russell – It is to his understanding that the selectmen were endorsing the extension of I395? C. Grover, Jr. told him only some of the board. R. Russell asked for some clarification.
Town Manager, Russell Smith explained the signing of the resolve against route 2B2 at the last meeting, and that it was brought back up to support, yet it was not signed.
Mr. Russell also stated he was not in favor of the S.A.D. 63 dropping the Airline School, and believes it would cost the town about 8% more in taxes.

Craig Knight – When are we going to address the EMS Services to the Town of Clifton? Russell informed him that the contract was up the end of this year (December), and will be reviewed at that time.

**ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 4-0.**

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