Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY
JUNE 16th, 2015
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING – 2015 - 2016 TOWN BUDGET & WARRANT ARTICLES

Russell Smith opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., he read through figures, explained a few line increases/decreases, then said that he thinks the mil rate will stay about the same as the previous year, perhaps an increase of .28 cents. Brad Goodwin questioned the way the budget meetings were held, or lack thereof and what if any discussion there was by the board on the proposed budget figures. Russell stated that basically the budget committee was himself so to speak. Joan Brooks said the Selectmen had discussed figures at a couple meetings. Susan Shane asked if the new fire truck would be paid for this year. Russell told her there would be a special town meeting in July to review those figures, as he had not secured things with the attorney at the Municipal Bond Bank in time for the annual town meeting. Article #22 was questioned and discussed due to the fact that the total amount spent was approximately $35,000.00 and anything over $7500.00 is supposed to be approved by special town meeting. It was questioned why the Selectmen would sign the warrant that paid the bill for it. Russell accepted responsibility for not going through the proper protocol after reviewing the different accounts he used to pay for the Computer and Software upgrade for the entire office.

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: Joan Brooks called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen present except, P. Lyford. A motion was made, seconded and passed to except his absence, as excused. **M. Shepherd / C. Baker, Jr.** **Vote 4-0.**

MINUTES: Minutes of March 19th & 24th. April 2nd & 21st, May 5th & 19th, 2015. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept minutes as written. C. Grover, Jr. /C. Baker, Jr.

PUBLIC ACCESS: None

Joan Brooks, Chairman

Michael Shepherd, Selectman

Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

Peter Lyford, Selectman

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

FIRE: Chief Ellis reviewed his report for the month of May. 3 Bids received for the Tanker (#323), the amounts were read by Russell and then Chief Ellis was asked what his recommendation was, on how to proceed. Ellis said he was hoping for higher bids, however, he said it's either reject them all and re-bid, or take the highest bid, move on, getting it out of the station. **A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the highest bid ($2,710.00).**

C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 3 - 1 opposed (M. Shepherd)

POLICE: Deputy Watson reviewed his report for the month of May. He has been rotating his special patrol spots, trying to spend time in each the high traffic area of the town. Dep. Watson recently completed a 2 day Safety Training Course, and was a community reader at the Elementary School last month.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: May Report – Russell informed the board that the new Animal Control Officer covering the town was Ann Greenlaw.

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon reported that the Annual School Budget passed. The forensic audit has been completed and that $130,000.00 will be paid back to the AOS. The new Superintendent will start July 1st, 2015.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Letter from the Planning Board – Russell said the tentative date for a joint meeting was set for June 30th, 2015. Susan Shane of the Planning Board said that she had hoped, by sending the letter several weeks ago, that the Selectmen would have had time to digest the info and have any "specifics" in writing, to address any possible amendments to the ordinance. Susan asked the Selectmen if it would be possible for them to attend the Planning Boards meeting on June 25th, as opposed to a separate meeting on the 30th, which is only 5 days difference. The Selectmen agreed that they could attend the Planning Boards regular meeting on the 25th of June.

NEW BUSINESS: Citizen Letters – Russell gave the board members copies of all submitted, a total of 21 letters. A motion was made, seconded and passed to make these letters part of the minutes.

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

Planning Board Appointments – **A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint David McCluskey, currently an alternate member, to regular member.**

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

2014 Audit Report – The 17 month report has been received from the auditor and copies were given to the board members for review. No action needed.

Joan Brooks, Chairman

Michael Shepherd, Selectman

Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman

Mark Carreira, Selectman

Peter Lyford, Selectman

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

PUBLIC ACCESS: Rusty Gagnon expressed her appreciation to the office staff for keeping town business and meeting dates available and updated, using several methods.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. **C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr.** **Vote 4-0.**

Joan Brooks, Chairman

Michael Shepherd, Selectman

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