



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road Eddington, Maine 04428

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
TUESDAY
APRIL 19th, 2016
6:00 P.M.
MINUTES**

**PUBLIC HEARING –
Wilbur Libby, Jr., dba Libby's Salvage – Annual Renewal of Automobile
Graveyard/Junkyard Permit**

The hearing opened at 6:00 p.m. Susan Shane asked what would be used as the access road for the junkyard. Russell said they would continue to use the old road until the road has been redone on Dusty Lane. No other questions or comments, the hearing closed at 6:05 p.m.

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

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

MINUTES: Meeting of February 22nd, 2016 – Motion to approve as written. **P. Lyford / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.**

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis submitted reports for February & March. New truck is in service working well. A quote of \$28,000 was received for repairs on #322, as well as a tow bill of \$10,000. Ellis said the total out of pocket expense to the town was \$250.00. The department has 16 people certified to use the new rescue alive sled, training will continue in the fall. The live in students will be leaving for the summer in May and will be moving back in, in the fall.

Police: Deputy Chris Watson submitted his reports for February & March – Watson reported that he has completed a 100 calls for service, since he has been the contract deputy in town. A burglary on the Hatcase Pond Road is close to being solved, the suspect lives out of state. Dep. Watson has been increasing his traffic stops, with a goal of one every hour, as well as adjusting his schedule to fit in some early morning hours. Most stops resulting in tickets issued, are for 15mph or higher, hoping to find warrants at the same time.


Joan Brooks, Chairman


Charles Baker, Jr., Selectman


Peter Lyford, Selectman


Michael Shepherd, Selectman


Mark Carreira, Selectman

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

SCHOOL BOARD REPORT: Rusty Gagnon submitted and reviewed a few items from her monthly report. Teacher contract negotiations are just about complete. A 3.78% insurance increase is expected, however they are working to decrease the amount the district pays and increase employee portions. The tuition bill for John Bapst is \$94, 000.00. Gagnon said overall the towns can expect a 5 1/2 % increase, due in part to the \$291,000.00 that was cut by the state this year. Budget hearings will be done in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Clifton Fire Contract Meeting Date – A meeting is set for Wednesday evening, April 20th, in Clifton. The meeting will consist of 2 of our Selectmen, Mark Carreira and Joan Brooks, 2 from Clifton and our Fire Chief, Jim Ellis.

NEW BUSINESS: Sign Automobile Graveyard / Junkyard Permit, Libby's Salvage. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the permit. P. Lyford / M. Carreira Vote 4-0.

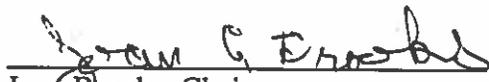
Planning Board Alternate Appointment – A motion was made, seconded and passed to appoint Mark Perry as an alternate member. P. Lyford / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.

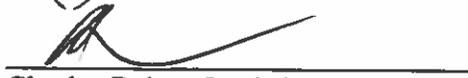
Cemetery Mowing Contract – Current contractor is Scott Thibodeau from Yard Pro's. Board members asked Russell to have the Cemetery Board meet to discuss the contract before making any decisions on bids or renewals.

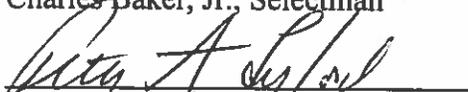
I395 Extension – A letter submitted by resident, Rodney Buswell, Sr., was copied and given to board members. The letter was in regards to Peter Lyford's vote on the extension, referencing Bangor Daily Article dated April 11th, 2016. The letter was not read aloud at the meeting, but will be put in the record. Selectmen Shepherd asked Russell to explain to Rodney Buswell, Sr., that the board clearly voted to take no action. It was argued that Peter Lyford originally motioned for a vote in favor of, then at a later meeting that vote was replaced by a no action vote.

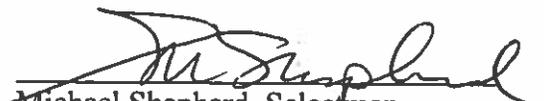
Budget Request from Historical Society – The Historical Society asked if an Article can be added to the Annual Warrant, to request funds, in the amount of \$5000.00. They are in hopes to purchase a much needed property.

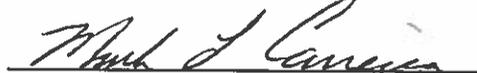
2015 – 2016 Budget, Workshop Dates – Russell set a date for Thursday April 28th, 2016. 6 p.m. at the Town Office.


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OTHER BUSINESS: Elected Officials Workshop, Thursday, June 9th, Black Bear Inn, Orono.
(reminder / info only, no action needed.)

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the \$15,000.00 bond figure, for the Decommissioning Performance Guarantee with Verizon, regarding the tower on Carol Grovers land. P. Lyford / (Scott Anderson from Verizon said it is a typical figure used for these towers, Code Enforcement Officer, Charles Norberg was ok with the figure, and it needed approval by the Selectmen.

MRC Presentation Date – The date to sign on with MRC has been changed from May 1st, to June 30th.
(info only)

WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign warrants.

M. Carreira / M. Shepherd Vote 4-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: Frank Arisimeek expressed his feelings regarding the way the Planning Board has treated the Hughes Brothers application process. He said this has been going on for 3 years now and he thinks it should take precedence over any new applications, such as Verizon.

Rusty Gagnon suggested that there be a “Meet the Candidates” night, considering the number of people running for Selectmen seats alone. Russell said that he had already thought of that and hoped to make that happen. Rusty also commented on the BDN Article on I395, how it was a hostage situation, and reminded the selectmen that a majority of residents in the Town of Eddington voted in opposition, referred to Selectmen Lyford that he took away the “in favor of” and replaced it with a “No action” vote.

Therese Montague, a resident of Clifton, asked why Peter Lyford wrote a letter of solicitation for the Town of Clifton to sign, regarding the I395 connector route. Chairman Joan Brooks told her that should be discussed with Peter, as it was not an Eddington issue.

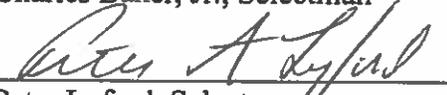
Resident, Craig Russell, expressed that he was in agreement with others who spoke before him on the I395 Resolve issue. He did not understand why the board revisited another resolve. He is not opposed to a route, just not in support of a going from a 4 lane highway divided into a 2 lane interstate with a stop sign, for traffic traveling at speeds of 70-80mph. He feels this route is a very dangerous option.

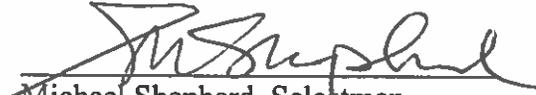
Susan Shane asked about the damage done to the cemetery on Route 46. Russell told her that Rogan’s will be cleaning the stones, getting them stood back up and that insurance will cover the fence repair.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. **M. Shepherd / M. Carreira Vote 4-0.**


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