

Town of Eddington

906 Main Road • Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

December 15th, 2009

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Regular meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by J. Brooks

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present:

MINUTES: Meeting of December 1st, 2009. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes as written. C. Baker, Jr. / C. Grover, Jr. Vote 5-0.

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions asked at this time.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Ellis gave his end of the month report and recapped the incident on Route #9 where a fuel tank, on a Tractor Trailer truck was punctured, causing a leak. Ellis commended the department for a great job in handling that incident, stopping the leak quickly prevented any environmental damage. Chief spoke about the departments new 4 Gas Meter, and gave credit to live in student Dale Wunder for his work with the grant process. Ellis reported that there was no news on the FEMA Grants as of yet, and spoke briefly about the Americorp position, it being a huge asset, especially when the department is short staffed when the live-in students go home for holidays.

Police: Deputy Mason gave his report; spoke about how nice it has been to do his reporting in the dispatch office here, as opposed to going into Bangor. Mason commented on the "Adopt a School" program and how he has been trying to stay clear of the school for a bit with a lot the students being sick this season. Fire Chief, Jim Ellis, complimented Dep. Masons work in the Sheriffs Dept., adding that Mason's incident numbers have gone far and above the others, which is great, in such a small community.

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SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS:

Karen Clark spoke about the Governor's December 18th announcement, regarding a Four Million dollar budget shortfall and how it will affect the school.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT:

Copies of report, included in packets

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sign Land Purchase Installment Contracts – Board signatures needed only. Russell explained that this contract would allow these taxpayers to purchase their property back by a quit claim deed, if taxes were paid up to date.

NEW BUSINESS: Clifton Fire Contract – A draft 3yr. Contract was given to board members. Fire Chief shared his thoughts with the board stating that the contract should be a package deal so to speak, Equipment, Men & Chief. He also suggests the Fire Warden for the Town also be the Chief.

Budget Meeting – January 5th, 2010 – Info. only
Town Meeting Date – March 30th, 2010 – Info. only

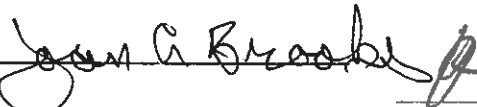

Motion to extend School Board Position to June 30th, 2010 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to extend the position, due to the RSU beginning as of June 30th, 2010. **C. Grover, Jr./B. Glass** **Vote 5-0**

Selectmen Positions – Two 3-yr. terms are available. Nomination papers would be due in the office by mid February. Selectmen positions up: Brian Glass and Charles Baker, Jr.

WARRANT: Sign warrant for December 15th, 2009. A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the warrant. **C. Grover/D. Goodwin** **Vote 5-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: Jim Russell, resident, asked questions regarding the SAFER Grant, as he had missed the public hearing at the beginning of the meeting. Russell explained how it worked with 2 years being funded by federal funds (FEMA) with the 3rd year to be the towns' responsibility. Jim Russell encouraged the town to be as cost conscious as the rest of those working for the private sector, to be tight with every penny possible during budget time. Fire Chief Jim Ellis had done a brief breakdown of an average tax bill to show a financial perspective on how this position would affect tax bills. For Example, an increase of \$19.00 to a tax bill for a home assessed at 100,000.00.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. **C. Baker, Jr. / B. Glass** **Vote 5-0.**

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