



Town of Eddington

906 Main Road • Eddington, Maine 04428

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

February 15 th, 2011

6:00 P.M.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE: The Selectmen's meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by J. Brooks.

ROLL CALL: All Selectmen were present

MINUTES: Meeting of February 1st, 2011 – A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve as printed. **D. Goodwin / P. Lyford** **Vote 5-0.**

PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions asked

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:

Fire: Chief Jim Ellis gave reports for December & January. Ellis spoke about the Grant recently received that will provide the department with \$22,000.00 for Portable & Mobile Radios and Repeaters. Proposals are in and need the approval from Selectmen to accept the bid. Chief Ellis recommended going with Whitten's 2-Way vs. Atlantic Communications for several reasons, including; the years of service, valuable programming features and having the same frequency as Holden's mobile repeaters. There is a match required of \$ 1100.00 and change, which can be taken out of the Fire Departments operating budget.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve & accept the Bid from Whittens 2-Way. **C. Baker, Jr./ P. Lyford** **Vote 5-0.**

Police: Dep. Chief Troy Morton presented reports for December & January. Morton informed the board Dep. Daren Mason would be coming back as of February 28th. Morton explained that the Sheriff's Contract states that it does not cover the costs of coverage for officers to be out, however all but three shifts have been covered while Mason was out for six weeks, on the county's dime. Thanks to Dep. Mike Parady, who handled the town while Dep. Mason was recovering.

James H. Brooks
Chairman

Donna C. Goodwin
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

P. Lyford

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT: Copies were given to the board, covering the months of December and January.

NEW BUSINESS: Therese Anderson, School Board Chairman, came to speak about the A.O.S. Contract with the board. Anderson explained that the Contract needs some help with some of the "wording" because as it is now, the towns have no say in a lot of areas. For instance Brewer wants an extra \$800.00 per student, which puts the cost per student over that of the tuition costs for a student to attend Bangor and John Bapst. Therese asked the board to read over the contract and make a list of questions they may have, she will bring them to the school board meeting and do what she can. Anderson added that the current Contract is being looked at by a lawyer, she will report back to the selectmen to keep them in the loop of what transpires over the next few months.

Community Development Block Grant – Sample Article available for view. Russell reported that there is \$100,000 in Federal Funds available. Any amount up to \$10,000 requires a local match in the amount of \$2500.00, which can be taken from a reserve account, if the grant was received. (Grant would be for municipal planning services)

Sign Abatement – A motion was made, seconded and passed to sign the abatement.

C. Baker, Jr. / C. Grover, Jr.

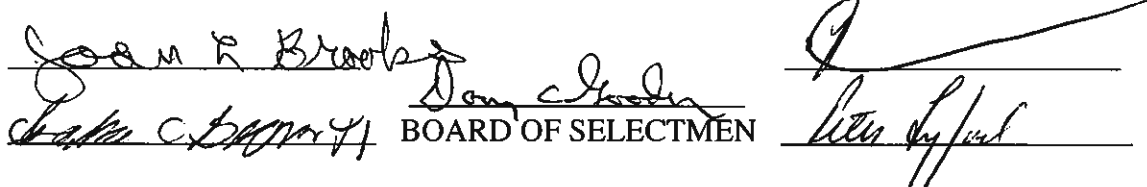
Vote 5-0.

Bicentennial Incorporated Program – February 22nd, at Comins Hall 7 p.m., more activities to follow through out the year.

Wind Energy Ordinance Article – Planning Board will have an article at Town Meeting. Peter Lyford asked if the vote would be in written ballot form. Russell explained it could be done if someone from the floor recommended it and two thirds of the attendees voted to vote by secret ballot.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: 2011 – 2012 Budget. Russell reviewed figures, adding that there may be minor changes made before final budget and public hearings are held. Russell informed the board that there are bids due in by next meeting, which include figures for Trash & Recycling, Mowing, and Plowing and Sanding. Appropriations and Expenditures were reduced by \$8240.00 since last meeting. The Fire Department's increase is \$27,912.00, mostly due to fund the full time position. Overall the town is looking at a total increase of about \$37,000.00.

WARRANT: Sign warrants for February 15th, **C. Grover, Jr. / D. Goodwin** **Vote 5-0.**



Joan R. Brooks Dan C. Grover Peter Lyford

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PUBLIC ACCESS: No questions asked

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Town Mgr. Evaluation. A motion was made, seconded and passed to go into executive session at 7:07 p.m. **C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to enter back into regular session at 7:22 p.m.
C. Baker, Jr. / D. Goodwin Vote 5-0.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to give 4% raises to Office Staff and Town Manager.
C. Grover, Jr. / C. Baker, Jr. Vote 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:2342 p.m.
C. Baker, Jr. / C. Grover, Jr. Vote 5-0.

Juan R. Brooks
Chad C. Brown BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Alan Lyford