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# <u> Town of Eddington - 906 Main Road Eddington Maine 04428</u>

# BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING TUESDAY August 2nd, 2022 6:00 PM

## **MINUTES**

<u>CALL TO ORDER & FLAG SALUTE:</u> The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Wood, Jr., at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:** All members present except M. Carreira whose absence was excused.

MINUTES: Meeting Minutes from May 17th, 2022. (typo, should have been July 12th) - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to amend the Agenda to indicate the corrected date of the meeting as July 12th. D. McCluskey / D. Doughty. Vote 4-0. Motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of July 12th as printed. D. Doughty / D. McCluskey Vote 4-0.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS:**

**Fire:** Report for the month of June - Included in meeting material for review. Fire Chief Ryan Davis and Deputy Chief, Craig Russell, were unavailable to review in person.

Police: Monthly report for June was included in the meeting material for review.

NEW BUSINESS: Appointment of new Cemetery Board Members - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to appoint members whose names were provided on the sheet submitted. With terms staggered as follows: M. Dougherty, 3yr term, Exp. in 2025 - Molly Alley, 2 yr term Exp. 2024 - Holly Whitmore, 1 yr term Exp. 2023. Alternate - Kelli Curtis Kimball, 1 yr term Exp. 2023.

D. McCluskey / R. Wood, Jr. Vote 4-0.

Revisions to the Cemetery Lot Sales, requested by Cemetery Board - Selectmen D. McCluskey asked if the proposed fees were in line with other area towns. As a result of research conducted by our cemetery board members, Shawna confirmed that it is in line with other area towns. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the proposed fees as presented for Resident and Non-Resident Lot Sales.

D. McCluskey / Ray Wood, Jr. Vote 4-0.

Ray Wood, Jr. - Chairperson

David McCluskey, Viće-Chair

Mark Carreira, Selectperson

Pam Chapman, Selectperson

Deana Doughty, Selectperson

Clifton Fire Contract Discussion - Chief Davis provided a summary of the process up until now.

Debbie Hodgins, the Admin Assistant at the Clifton Town Office, had been contacted by Ryan about the need for an increase. In January of 2023, the current contract between Eddington and Clifton expires. Craig and Ryan met with Debbie in May and presented her and the chair of the Clifton Select Board with the booklet comparing Eddington's and Cliftons' current costs, along with other area towns, for comparison and possible options for the future. Chief Davis emphasized that he can only provide recommendations based on data, but both towns must reach a price agreement.

Eddington Selectmen received a copy of the same packet for their own review. At our meeting, three Clifton Selectmen participated and had the opportunity to express their views. While they agreed that Clifton's prices should be increased, they also stated that they didn't realize how large the deficit was and that it shouldn't be expected to be resolved in a single year if it had existed for years. Both boards agreed that communication is important and hope to rectify this in the future.

The next step is to have a meeting with two municipal board members from each town, the Fire Chiefs, and office administrators. Eddington's Vice-Chair, David McCluskey, asked his fellow board members to review the information and bring back some figures for discussion at the next meeting.

MMA Annual Election / Voting Ballot - A motion was made, seconded, and passed to vote for the candidates proposed by MMA's Nomination Committee and authorize Shawna Hinkley to sign. Voting for Diane Hines as Vice-President and Ivan McPike, Phillip Crowell, and Anthony Ward is members of the Executive Committee. D. McCluskey/P. Chapman Vote 4-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** The next meeting date has been tentatively set for August 16th, 2022, pending Davis Road Turnaround bid submissions.

<u>PUBLIC ACCESS</u>: Craig Knight expressed his opinion on the Clifton Fire Contract, saying he has been complaining for years about how much Eddington pays in comparison to Clifton and that they need to stop being nice guys and charge them appropriately. (Closed Public Access at 6:42 p.m.)

WARRANTS: A motion was made, seconded, and passed to sign the warrants. D. McCluskey/P. Chapman Vote 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. by D. McCluskey/D. Doughty Vote 4-0.

Ray Wood, Jr. - Chairperson

David McCluskey, Vice-Chair

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