

TOWN OF DIXFIELD
Minutes of Meeting
Board of Selectmen
Tuesday, November 25, 2008
5:00 p.m., Dixfield Town Office

Board Members Present: Bettina M. Martin, Norine H. Clarke, James L. Desjardins, Raymond E. Carlton and Brad E. Dyer

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present: Eugene R. Skibitsky (Town Manager), Chief Richard Pickett

Citizens Present:

Press:

1. Chair Martin opened the Selectmen's Meeting at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** On a motion from Mr. Carlton and a second from Mr. Dyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of 11/10/08.
3. **Approval of Warrants and Payroll:** On a motion from Mr. Carlton and a second from Mr. Dyer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the accounts payable and payroll warrants as listed on the agenda.
4. **Department Head Reports:** (Arrived Later)

Public Comment: None

5. **New Business:**

a. **Homeland Security Grant:** Darlene Brann and Sigrid Houlette collaborated on a grant submission for a generator on a trailer under the Homeland Security Grant Program. Mr. Dyer moved to approve, seconded by Mr. Carlton. The vote was unanimous.

b. **Key Bank – Verdurina Ludden Trust:** Mr. Desjardins made the motion to leave the money in the principal, seconded by Mr. Carlton. The vote was unanimous.

c. **Maine Power Reliability Program – CMP Information Meeting:** The Central Maine Power Program for Canton, Dixfield and Peru barely touches Dixfield. The Town Manager does not need to attend their meeting.

d. **Wind Turbine Project/Ordinance:** The Town Manager will research what other towns have done and come back to the Board with a proposal.

e. **Snow Dump Permit:** Process is underway to license McGouldrick Park and at the end of the Superintendent's Office as snow dumps. The abutters will be notified.

The old reservoir was looked at as a possible choice; however, the road is quite rough and there is not a good place to turn around. Archie's in Mexico is licensed and can be used by us if we need to use it before our licensing comes through.

Chief Pickett's Police Department Report: Construction is completed on Route 2 and the pressure is off the Common Road traffic.

Two trailer truck accidents occurred out beyond M/T Pockets on Route 2 today. The state roads were not cleared as well as the town roads were done.

There were no questions from the Board.

6. Old Business:

a. **Right-of-Way Over Town Property:** Daniel Mitchell presented the Board a survey by Acme Engineering of his property on Route 142 showing his, Pierce's, Weeks' and Brooks' properties. He is requesting a right-of-way for a property management access road basically to be able to cut firewood. He needs about 74-78 feet on the edge of the reservoir property. The Town Manager reported an abutting landowner, Donald Lutick, came in to speak to him and asked for permission to speak to the Board before a decision is made. Mr. Desjardins made a motion to table the decision until Mr. Lutick can speak to us, seconded by Mr. Dyer. The vote was unanimous.

b. **Regional Meeting with Mexico:** The Selectmen will meet Tuesday, December 02, 2008 at 5:00 p.m. at the Town Office in Mexico to discuss the possibility of combining Mexico and Dixfield Police Departments..

c. Water/Sewer Budget Items:

1. Irving Forest Products has curtailed their use of water from the Dixfield Water Department. This lowers the revenue for the department.
2. The proposal to use some of the depreciation money for capital expenses was approved by Steve Levey.
3. The current Water truck is owned by the Public Works Department and needs to be purchased by the Water Department. The truck value is \$9,005. There are approximately 600 water customers and approximately 1,700 tax bills which equals \$5827 to be paid by the Water Department to the town. This may be taken from the depreciation account as well as money for hydrants and meters.
4. The Water Advisory Committee meets Thursday, December 4 and the Town Manager will talk about the truck issue at that time.
5. Water and Sewer budgets will be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting Monday, December 8 when the Water Advisory Committee is present.

d. Report on Webb River Bridge Replacement Meeting: A meeting on the Webb River Bridge Replacement was held Monday, November 24 in Mexico. A report of the discussion was given by the Town Manager.

e. Tax Acquired Properties: Mr. Dyer made a motion to put the two Holman properties up for bid after notification that they have until January 2, 2009 to clear out their personal property. Mr. Desjardins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

7. Town Manager's Report:

The sidewalk plow repair will cost \$1,166.55

The Town Manager has purchased two US Cellular phones to allow him to be able to contact the road crew in Leo's absence.

The winter parking ban has been posted.

The Thad White Bridge "semi-final" bill has been presented.

RSU notification letter was distributed. Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the Election Warrant for school board members, seconded by Mr. Desjardins. The vote was 4-1, Mr. Dyer was opposed. Bruce Ross and Barbara Chow have taken out nomination papers.

Letter from MMA distributed

Economic Stimulus Projects Letter for Regional Benefits request from AVCOG was distributed. Dixfield is not ready to participate at this time.

The Town Manager will attend the next Sewer District Meeting.

Campground application from Tom Gerrier. Craig Nash reported to the Town manager that Mr. Gerrier's application was not accepted by the Planning Board. The land must be removed from Resource Protection in order to use it for a campground which can be done by other avenues.

Public Comment: None

9. Board Questions and Comments: Mr. Carlton asked if flowers would be purchased for next year. Mrs. Clarke reported that the Dixfield Economic Development Committee had decided not to have flowers in 2009.

Mr. Desjardins noted that garbage is being dumped on the banking at the church end of High Street. The Town Manager will check with the Health Officer. A question was raised about a small propane tank outside the same house on High Street.

10. Other Business:

11. Executive Session: On a motion from Mrs. Clarke and a second from Mr. Dyer, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. (MRSA 405-6E to discuss a possible lawsuit. The Board came out of executive session at 7:07 p.m.

12. FYI: So noted.

12. Next Meeting: Monday, December 8, 2008, 5:00 p.m., Town Office. The following meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2009.

13. Adjournment: On a motion from Mr. Dyer and a second from Mr. Desjardins, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:09 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Clarke
Selectman

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