

TOWN OF DIXFIELD
Minutes of Meeting
Board of Selectmen
Monday, January 28, 2013
5:00 p.m. Ludden Memorial Library

Board Members Present: Malcolm M. Gill, Robert V. Withrow, Hart L. Daley,
Scott W. Belskis and Norine H. Clarke

Board Members Absent:

Administration Present: Samantha Hill (Secretary), Richard Pickett (Police Chief)

Citizens Present: Dan McKay, Bernard Gielslider

Press: Rumford Falls Times, SunJournal

1. Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Gill called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval of Minutes: The January 14, 2013 Selectman's Meeting Minutes were approved as read. The January 22, 2013 Executive Session minutes, required a change in word placement. On a motion from Mr. Daley and second from Mr. Withrow, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes once changes have been made.

3. Approval of Warrants and Payroll: No discrepancies were noted and the warrants and payroll were accepted by Chairman Gill.

4. Old Business:

a. Request for Disbursement of Charlotte M. Collins' Sick Leave & Personal Days: On a motion from Mr. Daley and second from Mr. Belskis, the Board voted per the Personnel Policy that Mrs. Collins be allowed to disburse 40 hours of accrued Sick Time to whomever she would like. Votes:

- Yay: Mr. Hart, Withrow, Belskis and Mrs. Clarke
- Abstain: Mr. Gill

b. RSU 10 Withdrawal Committee Update – Robert V. Withrow: Committee members are meeting two different lawyers to seek legal advice in the Withdrawal process. Dan Stockford from Bran & Issacson has a lot of experience with other local schools going through

the same process. Due to weather conditions at the last meeting the second lawyer will be coming to the next meeting to be held on January 30, 2013. Mr. Withrow let the Board members know that they may be following a different avenue in this process. The committee is unsure if the other three towns that Dixfield needs to help go through this process are on board to follow through with it. Dr. Ward has made a suggestion that the committee come to an agreement with RSU 10 that Dixfield keep its schools and its identity for a contracted amount of time. The committee is checking into every option so as not to spend the town people's tax money.

- c. **Arrest Power – Chief Pickett:** The Statue that was handed out at the last meeting will allow the Department additional liability if an arrest needs to happen outside of the Mutual Aid between towns. There will be no waiting time to make sure that dispatch has received the approval from a supervisor from the calling Town. Policy 2-A is used in cases that will need further investigation that may cross town lines. Policy 3 allows an appointment law enforcement officer to represent the town in District Court. On a motion from Mr. Daley and a second by Mr. Withrow the Board voted unanimously to grant Title 30 A, 2671, 2-a & 3, to the Chief and Second in Command as worded in the policy.
- d. **Water Abatement:** As discussed in the last meeting the committee reviewed the copy of the Abatement policy provided by Mr. Belskis that the Board approved back in July 2012. Abatement can only be issued every 5 years and if the Board is not going to issue Abatements in situations that are out of the hands of the homeowners as stated in the policy it has been suggested by Mr. Belskis that we remove this Policy. On a motion from Mr. Belskis to grant this one time Water Abatement and second from Mr. Daley the Board voted:

- Yay: Mr. Belskis, Mr. Daley and Mrs. Clarke
- Nay: Mr. Gill and Mr. Withrow

6. New Business:

7. Other Business:

8. Board Questions/Comments:

Mr. Gill: The Chairman's Guidelines on the "Public Comments" section that will be added on to the agenda for the February 11, 2013 meeting have been revised with the comments and suggestions he had received. The section on No Complaints or Criticism has been removed. It will have a Heading added to the

sheet and a section stating that Dixfield residents will take precedence over residents from other towns that wish to speak at the meetings. Each resident will need to contact the Town Manager by the Thursday before a scheduled Selectman's Meeting with their topic of conversation so that it may be approved and added to the agenda.

Mr. Withrow: Stated that the Budget Process should be started soon and that he suggests that the Finance Committee Members attended the meetings.

Mrs. Clarke: Pointed out that there is a great article in the Maine Townsman by Jim Bennett on the Budget Process.

9. FYI: so noted.

10. Next Meeting: February 11, 2013, 5:00 p.m., Ludden Library

12. Adjournment: On a motion from Mr. Belskis and second from Mrs. Clarke, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha A. Hill

Secretary

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Attachments