

TOWN OF DIXFIELD
Minutes of Meeting
Board of Selectmen, Jointly with Finance Committee
Monday, April 29, 2013
5:00 p.m. Ludden Memorial Library

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

Board Members Absent:

Finance Committee Members Present: Scott Dennett, Cathy Dorian, Tony Bouche,
Eric Therriault, William Devries, Aaron Perreault

Administration Present: Eugene Skibitsky (Town Manager), Samantha Hill
(Secretary)

Citizens Present: Walter Newman

Press: SunJournal, WVAC

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. New Business:

- a. Finalization of Warrant-
Mr. Skibitsky handed out updated copies of the Draft Warrant without the Finance Committees recommendations as he had received them at the end of the day. He let the Board and Committee members know that he has made a slight word change to Article 23.
- b. Executive Department- Finance Committee recommends dropping the Town Manager Salary by \$5000, which will also drop Benefits as well. They also would like to look into operating the Town Office on a 4 day week, which would drop Personnel hours and benefits as well. The Lean Program through AVCOG will be able to help determine whether this is a feasible plan. Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- c. Fire Department- Finance Committee would like to look into eliminating there phone number if it will save money to have an extension off from the Town Office. Also Mr. Dennett is looking into seeing if he will be able to operate his Internet through Wi Fi. Mr. Dennett was able to cut his overall Budget down an additional \$901. On a motion from Mrs. Clarke and second from Mr. Withrow, the Board voted unanimously to accept the new Fire Department Budget. Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- d. Police Department- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.

- e. Public Works- Finance Committee would like to also look at the cost savings of eliminating a line in the Public Works office. Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- f. Grounds- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- g. Reserve Accounts- Finance Committee is recommending that \$25,000 be added into the Fire Truck Reserve Budget. A new truck is going to need to be purchased soon and they would like to start seeing money being saved to put towards it. On a motion from Mrs. Clarke and second from Mr. Withrow, the Board voted unanimously to accept the Finance Committees recommendation.
- h. Debt Service- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- i. Social Services- The Finance Committee is not giving any recommendations for this Budget since the residents will vote on where and how much will be distributed at the Town Meeting.
- j. Article 23- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- k. Article 24- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- l. Article 25- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.
- m. Article 26- Finance Committee gives their recommendation.

3. Next Meeting: May 13, 2013, 5:00 p.m., Ludden Memorial Library

4. Executive Session: Personnel Matter - 1M.R.S.A. § 405(6)(A) Town Manager Search

On a motion from Mr. Daley and second from Mr. Belskis, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:16 p.m.

5. Action: On a motion from Mr. Withrow and second from Mr. Daley, to give Chairman Gill the authority to sign a contract for the Board with the new Town Manager, the Board voted:

Yay- Mr. Withrow, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. Daley and Mr. Belskis
 Abstained – Chairman Gill

6. Adjournment: The Board members voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:19.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha A. Hill
 Secretary

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 Attachments