

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD**  
**Selectmen's Meeting**

**Monday, May, 12, 2014**  
**5:30PM, Ludden Library**

**Board Members Present:** Malcolm Gill, Dana Whittemore, Scott Belskis, Hart Daley, and Robert Withrow.

**Administration Present:** Interim Town Manager, Eugene Skibitsky

**Town Employees Present:** Water Supt. Jim White, Director of Public Works Calvin Beaumier, Leo Jolin

**Citizens Present:** Aaron Jamison, Dan McKay, Norine Clarke, recorder of minutes.

**Non-residents Present: none**

**Media:** Matt Daigle, Sun Journal, WVAC tv

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Gill called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Meeting was opened to a Public Hearing on the Budget Referendum. There were no questions. The Hearing was declared closed.

2. **Agenda Adjustments: none**
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of April 24, and April 28 of 2014 were accepted as presented.
4. **Approval of Warrants and Payroll:**
  - a. Accounts payable Warrants # 100, 101, 103, and 104 were accepted as presented.
  - b. Payroll Warrants #99 and 102 were accepted as presented.
  - c. Utility Warrants #6 and 7 were accepted as presented.

5. **Department Head Reports:**
  - a. Highway Director Calvin Beaumier went over the report that was in the Selectmen's packet.  
Among the regular spring work duties, there was a report about a starter problem on the pick-up which was under warranty at MT Pockets where they discovered a loose tire which they fixed.

Some streets have no turn around areas for the snow plows and private drives have to be used. Mr. Beaumier is checking all these areas to see how the issue can be resolved and is speaking to the landowners.

He is proposing that the 16x20 storage area for yard equipment be placed on town land on Kidder Ave. The space has houses across the street which would help with security and has a gate access from Kidder Ave. and the cemetery would be right beside the garage. Both Puiia and Twin Rivers offered a price of \$4900 but more is included in the Twin Rivers building. It will take about \$2000 for labor and about \$3000 for a cement pad.

One of the new mowers has been picked up and the second will in the next few days.

Work has been done to replace the two large shrubs which were lost to deer kill at the Memorial Stone. Also a large amount of clean-up and trimming of shrubs was done at the Village Green

Vandalism on a Third St. storm drain had to be repaired. The storm drains have all been pumped by Ted Berry.

The Coburn Ave. No Parking signs will be installed this week.

A report on the electrical work at McGouldrick Park was given to the Selectmen. There has been a request by a citizen to purchase the Mower that was burned. The Selectmen suggested that Mr. Beaumier get an estimate of scrap metal value to come up with a price.

Mr. Daley asked if culverts removed by the town could be sold. Mr. Beaumier said that if they are removed, they usually don't have much value. ITM Skibitsky said there is a policy for items like that and he and Mr. Beaumier would check it. Mr. Daley also said that people are leaving old tires and junk near the Common Rd. Mr. Beaumier said they had already removed the tires.

#### **b. Water Department**

Supt. James White reported that the "truck swap" is coming up and showed the Selectmen a copy of the magnetic door signs he designed for the Water Dept. at no charge to the Town

Meter changes are underway and 31 are done out of a proposed 65-70. There is a series of notices that are sent to those who need to have them changed and they can terminate water for non-compliance.

A roof hatch was found open at the Water Plant and the two now have padlocks on them. No access was able to be made.

The billing clerks reported that the 114 notices of unpaid bills is now down to 30. Mr. Belskis asked for an update on the billing of the property on the corner of Third and Mill Streets. Mr. White said that the details of the past billing have not been resolved but there are no new bills being generated.

### **6. New Business**

- a. Utility Department**
  - i. Billing Policy

A billing policy must be drafted concerning use of water which does not flow into the sewer system. ITM Skibitsky handed out the Sewer Charge Information so that the Selectmen could check it over prior to working on it

ii. A request has been made for a variance for sewer at 12 Main St which is a property sold in the lien sales. The purchaser was given 6 months to tear down the building or it would revert back to the Town. The old minutes said the deadline was April 1, 2014 because that is the date that tax assessments are set to start the next year. The purchaser, Mr. Blodgett was told by Mr. Beaumier to speak to the ITM but Mr. Skibitsky said he has not. After some discussion of procedure, Mr Belskis made a motion to give an extension to the end of June (90 days) to get the information needed to proceed. Seconded by Mr. Daley and all were in favor.

**b. Scholarship Committee**

A committee must be chosen to award the Odd Fellows/Rebekahs scholarships. Chairman Gill has done this before and usually two people are chosen. Mr. Withrow volunteered.

**c. The Water Sewer Audit reports were distributed and the Auditor will be at a future meeting.**

**7 Old Business**

- a. CDBG denial: ITM Skibitsky reported that the town did not get the grant because there was a funding source already in place for the project.
- b. A Roads committee meeting will be scheduled and since Mr. Withrow will not be on the Select Board after the June election, Mr. Whittemore will serve with Chairman Gill, Mr. Belskis and the other committee members.
- c. ITM Skibitsky reported that he had discussed the donation of the granite bench in memory of Dani Ranger with the donor. The mother and grandmother have agreed to look for an alternative spot.

**8. Public Comment/Correspondence**

- a. Selectmen were given a copy of a letter from ISO New England.
- c. A thank you letter was received from WVAC tv for the funding from Dixfield.
- d. A copy of an email from Earl Townsend of the DEP concerning the Canton Wind Project was given to the Selectmen.
- e. There was no public comment.

**9. Other Business**

- a. The Election Warrant needed to be approved and signed. Mr. Withrow made a motion to approve and sign the Election Warrant for Tuesday June 10. Mr. seconded the motion and all were in favor. Four copies were signed.
- b. Nomination forms for MMA representation on legislation policy committee are available till the next meeting if anyone of the Board decides to volunteer.

**10. Board Questions and Comments**

Mr. Whittemore--none

Mr. Belskis—would like to be on the negotiations committee.

Mr. Daley—1. would like discussion on the foreman's wages

2. asked if the Wind Ordinance was ready. ITM Skibitsky said that it had been sent to the lawyer Kristen Kelly and when it comes back, they will come to the Board with an update. Mr. Daley requested that there be an opportunity for the public to be part of a discussion of the revision.

Mr. Withrow asked if there had been any news from Mr. Hodsdon about bids for the "Big Dig" and was told there has not.

Chairman Gill—none

#### **11. FYI**

May 22, 2014 E.M.A. After Action Review Meeting concerning April Flooding

#### **12. Next Meetings**

As listed on Agenda

#### **13. Adjournment**

At 6:48pm, Mr. Belskis made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Mr. Whittemore and all were in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Clarke recorder of minutes  
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