

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

**Monday June 23, 2014**  
**5:30PM, Ludden Memorial Library**

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

**Administration Present:** Carlo J. Puiia

**Town Employees Present:** Water Supt. Jim White, Public Works Director Calvin Beaumier, Fire Chief Scott Dennett, Town Clerk Vickie Carrier, Lt. Jeffrey Howe

**Citizens Present:** Dan McKay, Thomas Gerrier, Ricky Davis, Walter Newman,

**Non-residents Present:** Alice Barnett, Tom Carroll

**Press:** WVAC TV, Rumford Falls Times, Sun Journal

1. **Call to Order:** Pledge of Allegiance  
Chairman Belskis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance
  2. **Agenda Adjustments:** None
  3. **Approval of Minutes:** Hearing no correction or omissions, Chairman Belskis declared the minutes accepted as presented.
  4. **Approval of Warrants and Payroll:** Hearing no objections, Mr. Mitchell moved the Account Payable Warrants #115, and 117, Payroll Warrants #114 and 116 and Water/Sewer Warrant #11 be approved, seconded by Mr. Daley. Unanimous vote.
  5. **Department Head Reports:** None
- 7a. Decision on Request for Jake Brake sign with time constraints on Route 2 (Out of Order)** Chief Pickett was not present, however; he had left word that he is in favor of a sign at Holman Corner concerning the non-use of "Jake Brakes". Mr. Gill made the motion to approve a sign stating "No use of Jake Brakes during the hours of 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seconded by Mr. Whittemore. Unanimous vote. The Police Department is also concerned with Weld Street and the downtown area regarding Jake Brakes and will come back to the board with information on these areas.

## 6. New Business:

### a. Request by Water Department to consider amending Pine Street project:

James White explained that by amending the Pine Street project there could be a savings of \$68,000 and perhaps would include Rowe Street. The board approved Mr. White approaching A.E. Hodgson with this suggestion.

Mr. White also explained that the end of Robbins Avenue has three houses with one shut-off and would like to rectify the problem. This would cost \$11,500 and take approximately one week to complete. He also extended an invitation to Mr. Mitchell to tour the facilities.

**b. Request by Steve Buotte dba Auto Services for approval of MDOT sign permit:** Mr. Daley made the motion to approve the application for a sign on Route 2 for Mr. Buotte's business "Auto Services". This was seconded by Mr. Whittemore and unanimously approved.

**c. Efforts to raise private funds for a Town owned public message sign:** Mr. Belskis would like to raise funds, privately or through donations for a public message sign to be placed near the front of the Fire Station. The board asked the Town Manager to look into this and report back at the next meeting.

**d. Appointment to AVCOG's General Assembly:** Mr. Daley volunteered to attend the semi-annual meetings. Mr. Gill made the motion to appoint the Town Manager and Mr. Daley to AVCOG's General Assembly. The motion was seconded by Mr. Whittemore and unanimously approved.

**e. Appointments by Selectpersons:** Mr. Daley moved to approve the appointments as read (list attached), seconded by Mr. Whittemore. Unanimously approved.

**f. Appointments by Town Manager:** Mr. Daley moved to approve the appointments as read (list attached), seconded by Mr. Whittemore. Unanimously approved.

**g. Approval of August 12, 2014 Referendum Warrant:** Mr. Daley moved to approve the Referendum Warrant for August 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mitchell and unanimously approved.

**h. Approval of date for Public Hearing on Referendum Vote:** Mr. Daley moved to set a Public Hearing for Monday, July 14, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. at the Ludden Library prior to the regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting, seconded by Mr. Whittemore. Unanimous vote.

**i. Approval of year end carry-overs:** Mr. Whittemore made the motion to accept the estimated carry-over amounts from fiscal year 2014. Mr. Daley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. These amounts are subject to change depending on the audit.

## 7. Old Business:

**b. Request for Extension on Tax Acquired Property agreement located at 12 Main Street:** Mr. Gill made the motion to extend the tax acquired property agreement 90 day, seconded by Mr. Whittemore. Todd Blodgett is in the process of demolishing the building. Unanimous vote.

**c. Wind Energy Facility Moratorium and/or Ordinance legal opinion:** The Town Manager explained that a moratorium could be put in place if there is a specific area of concern in the Ordinance. Kristen Collins, attorney reviewing the town's wind energy ordinance, recommended slowing the process down in order for her to review the language for a moratorium. Mr.

Daley moved to postpone the Special Town Meeting, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, unanimous vote.

**8. Public Comment / Correspondence:** Alice Barnett asked the board how to get onto the agenda and was informed the request needed to be put in writing and presented to the Town Manager.

Dan McKay asked how to amend an ordinance. He also asked if the union negotiations were finished and was informed that is not the case.

The Town Manager explained that Phil Crowell of Maine Chiefs of Police Assoc. and Ron Smith of RHR Smith, auditor will attend the August 11, 2014 meeting and present their respective reports.

The board received a Thank You card from Seth Tacheny for receiving an Odd Fellows & Rebekahs Scholarship and Sara VanLeiu for an Ione Harlow Scholarship.

Mr. Belskis will review the Policy to File a Complaint for an amendment to respond to the complaint within a certain time period.

Mr. Daley moved to accept the Warrant Disbursement Policy, seconded by Mr. Whittemore. The Town Manager will have the Policy available for signatures in the Town Office.

## **9. Other Business:**

**10. Board Questions and Comments:** Mr. Mitchell thanked WVAC for putting the recordings of the meetings on You Tube as the meetings are now available for people in East Dixfield.

Mr. Whittemore asked the Public Works Director, Calvin Beaumier if he would provide a work sheet showing the different Public Works projects that are going on.

Mr. Daley asked if there were restrictions on the Union Bargaining Unit and recommended that Mr. Belskis or Mr. Whittemore be added. Mr. Belskis accepted and Mr. Whittemore accepted as an alternate.

Mr. Daley thanked Mr. Skibitsky for his help with the books and suggested excluding any further comments concerning wind energy due to a possible conflict of interest with the current developer's company.

**11. FYI:** The Municipal Offices will close at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 30 for year-end closing.

**12. Next Meeting:** The next regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, July 14, 2014 at 5:30.

**13/14. Executive Session:** At 7:25 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Whittemore, seconded by Mr. Gill, to enter into Executive Session pursuant to 1 MS 405 (6) (F) for review of confidential records Case 2014-101. Norman Mitchell moved to deny the case and Dana Whittemore seconded. Vote was 5-0. Mr. Daley moved to deny 1 MRS 405 (6) (F) for review of confidential records Case 2014-102, seconded by Mr. Gill. Vote was 5-0.

**15. Adjournment:** Mr. Daley moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Mr. Mitchell.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie R. Carrier  
Deputy Town Clerk