

TOWN OF DIXFIELD
Selectmen's Meeting

Monday, Oct. 13, 2014
5:30PM, Ludden Library

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

Administration Present: Town Manager, Carlo Puiia,

Town Employees Present: Public Works Director Calvin Beaumier, Water Supt. Jim White, Fire Chief Scott Dennett

Citizens Present: Walter Newman, Mrs. Norman Mitchell, Peter Holman and Laura, Ricky Davis, Mr. and Mrs. David Dubois, Royal and Vickie Swan, Lillian Burns, Kathy Richard, one unidentified lady (fireworks issue) and Norine Clarke, recorder of minutes.

Out of Town Attendees: Paul Pomerleau of Ted Berry, Randy Robbins of EIS, and Alice McKay

Media: WVAC Channel 7

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Belskis called the meeting to order at 5:30pm, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Agenda Adjustments:** To 4 a. add warrant #37
To 4 b. add warrant #36
To number 5 add Alice McKay
To number 10 insert c Certificates received
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Whittemore made a motion to approve the minutes of Regular Meeting Sept.22, 2014. Mr. Daley seconded the motion and the vote was 5-0 in favor.
4. **Approval of Warrants:** Mr. Daley made a motion to accept all of the warrants and accounts payable listed on and added to the Agenda. Mr. Whittemore seconded and all were in favor.
5. **Public Comment:** Alice McKay wished to speak to the Board about the possibility of having a Health Hot Line for people to report concerns about Windmill noises and whether or not the Board would entertain installing a phone which would require a \$70 installation fee and a charge of \$15 per month and asking the Wind Company to fund it. She was told that a concerned citizen should

call the Town Office if there were any types of health issues and the information would be referred to the Code Enforcement Officer and the Board.

6. Dept. Head Reports:

a. Water Supt. Jim White introduced Paul Pomerleau of Ted Berry and Randy Robbins of EIS. Mr. Pomerleau reported that the alarm system is badly outdated and needs upgrading. There currently is a problem on River St. Mr. Robbins agreed that the system is outdated and that if one section of the system goes, all will have to be changed. The old system at the town garage does not have a person to monitor the outdated SCADA system. Currently there is an \$8000 fee for the telephone system which would drop to \$3600 but it will need new equipment which will communicate to whatever numbers are chosen. There is not quite enough money in the current budget which closes at the end of the calendar year but Mr. Robbins has agreed to take payment in two installments, one this year and one after the new budget is in place. Supt. White said it would be the same system that Mexico has and has proven itself there. There was much discussion and Mr. Daley was told it would take about three weeks to install and Mr. Gill asked if he could do it now and was told yes. Mr. Whittemore and Mr. Belskis expressed their desire to have more time to review the proposal. Mr. Gill made a motion to purchase and install the new system as soon as possible, seconded by Mr. Daley and passed 3-2 with Mr. Whittemore and Mr. Belskis voting no.

b. Mr. White followed with:

- i. Presented to the selectmen for them to read, a list of approved specs for people who want to put waterlines into their home.
- ii. Presented them with a copy of a spread sheet.
- iii. They have been looking for leaks and have found nine, one hot water heater, one toilet, one leaking galvanized service pipe and six leaking sub-grade plastic pipes.
- iv. He noted that citizens have been receiving letters from a company offering to insure people's homes against the costs which would be incurred if their homes waterlines (curb to house) needed repairs. This has no connection to the Water Dept.
- v. Not all of the parties who have problems with water service on Robbins Ave. have signed off so Mr. White has put the project on hold.
- vi. ETTI—as to the issue of lines under driveways, under the property of others, and with plastic fittings problems he has decided to put off until spring.
- vii. They have met their goal of changing 70 meters this year.
- viii. 2 hydrants have been extended.
- ix. Ten samples were sent to be tested for lead and copper and nine passed which was acceptable.
- x. Work continues on the curb box records.
- xi. He will send a copy of next year's budget for the Board to have at their next meeting.

7. Old Business:

- a. Request by Steve Swan to use town property has been withdrawn.
- b. The copy of the Public Comment Policy was reviewed and there was only one suggested change. Wherever it says "Citizen", it should be replaced with "those in attendance".
Mr. Whittemore made a motion to accept the policy with the amendment and Mr. Daley seconded. All were in favor.
- c. The Recall Ordinance was re-visited. TM Puiia said that he reviewed the copy submitted by Mr. Mitchell. There was discussion of other changes and TM Puiia said he would incorporate them for another review.

8. New Business:

- a. Mexico Water District request for reimbursement:
The Board had a copy of an invoice which requested a payment of \$1580. All members considered this a fair amount. Mr. Daley made a motion to pay the invoice and Mr. Mitchell seconded it. All were in favor.
- b. Reschedule meeting with Mexico Water District: After discussion of alternate dates, the Board agreed to request Oct. 20 at 5:30 with a fall back date of Oct. 29. TM Puiia agreed to notify the Board.
- c. Shoreland Zoning violation Consent Agreements: Map 1, Lot 23G; Map 1, Lot 23 F, Map 1, Lot 23H; Map 1, Lot 23 J.
CEO Beaumier reported that there has been a violation on the Canton Point Rd. on the lots listed above. He began contacting the four property owners last fall (2013). The properties had been part of a 1970's subdivision. Forester Brian Milligan became involved. Request was made of the DEP whether it was a forestry or shoreland violation. The Forestry Dept. and the DEP decided it was a DEP issue. More than the allowable 40% was cut from the area of the lot which is inside the 75 foot limit of the shoreland zoning area. The rules say that the landowner needs to come up with a plan that DEP will approve for re-planting and would be given till Sept 2015 to replant, spring being the optimum time. The fine for the infraction was discussed to try to determine an amount that would cover the infraction and not give the wrong impression of ease of responsibility to others who might make the same offense. The landowner, Dan Carrier, stepped forward to explain his position. He inherited the land at the death of his mother and did the logging to raise money for back taxes. A sale is pending for the land but cannot be completed until this legal issue is resolved. If the property is sold, it must be sold with the agreement that the new landowner is responsible for the replacement of the trees. There was a difference of opinion between Mr. Carrier and CEO Beaumier about the availability of Mr. Carrier to resolve this problem before snow fall last year (2013).
Chair Belskis told Mr. Carrier to have a forester look at the property and get back to TM Puiia with a reforestation plan. CEO Beaumier will do some research on the amounts of fines levied for similar offenses.

9. Other Business:

Three neighbors from the area of Beedy Brook Lane. had sent a letter to TM Puiia about concerns about neighbors setting off fireworks close to other folks properties at all different times, not just on holidays. Debris has been found all around the area on roofs and lawns and chewed on by family pets. One woman remarked that she had fireworks set off in her mailbox. Concern was mentioned also about the fears of young children, pets and persons recovering from surgery being startled. Mr. Mitchell said he would like to have the Planning Board come up with an ordinance. Mexico and Rumford both have ordinances. TM Puiia said he would discuss this matter with Chief Pickett and it would be discussed at the next Selectmen's meeting.

10. Correspondence:

Chief Pickett attended the American Legion dinner held for Boy's and Girl's State attendees and brought back certificates of appreciation for the town.

11. Board Questions and Comments:

Mr. Mitchell: no comments

Mr. Whittemore: no comments

Mr. Gill: no comments

Mr. Belskis: no comments

Mr. Daley: Requested an update on the status of the dumping of garbage on properties on the Common Rd. CEO Beaumier will look into it.

12. FYI: Public Hearing on the revised Wind Energy Facility Ordinance at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014 in the Dirigo High School Community Room.

Voting: Tuesday November 4th, 2014 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion or by Absentee Ballot until end of the day on Thursday, October 30th, 2014.

13. Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Daley seconded by Mr. Whittemore, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Clarke recorder of minutes
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