

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA  
TOWN OF DIXFIELD  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, OVERSEERS of the POOR  
Monday, June 15, 2015  
Ludden Memorial Library**

**Present:** Board of Selectmen, Vice Chair Hart Daley, Malcolm Gill, Dana Whittemore, Norman Mitchell and Eugene Skibitsky

**Town Employees Present:** TM Carlo Puiia, Vickie Carrier, Theresa Hemingway, Angela Varnum, Fire Chief Scott Dennett and Leo Jolin.

**Citizens Present:** Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holman, Silver Varnum, Grayson Child, Walter Newman, Mrs. Mitchell, Dan McKay, Scott Belskis, and note taker Norine Clarke.

**Press Present:** Matt Daigle, Lew Sun.

**1. Call to Order:** Vice Chair Daley called the meeting to order at 5:30 for the Pledge of Allegiance. TM Puiia gave a welcome, explained the reasons for the meeting and called for Mr. Daley to act as Chair to elect a new Chairman.

**2. Organization of the Board:**

a. Elect new chairman: Mr. Whittemore nominated Mr. Daley and Mr. Mitchell seconded the nomination. Mr. Skibitsky nominated Mr. Gill to be chairman as he is the senior member of the Board. Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion. Mr. Gill respectfully declined. He addressed Mr. Daley and said that he hoped to see no “name-calling”, no illegal meetings and to keep the Board a “solid unit”. He asked “Will you do that if elected?” and Mr. Daley said “Absolutely.” Mr. Skibitsky asked if Mr. Daley would be able to do the duties with his job and Mr. Daley reported he had thought about it and believed he could unless there was a large emergency. The vote was 4-0 with Mr. Daley abstaining.

b. Mr. Mitchell nominated Mr. Whittemore as vice chair and it was seconded by Mr. Daley. Mr. Skibitsky nominated Mr. Gill and Mr. Whittemore seconded. Mr. Gill again respectfully declined. Mr. Skibitsky moved that nominations cease. Mr. Gill told Mr. Whittemore that he hoped he would be inclusive with the Board and respectful to all Board members and Mr. Whittemore agreed. The vote that nominations cease passed with all in favor. The vote for Mr. Whittemore as vice chair was 4-0 with Mr. Whittemore abstaining.

**1. Address Municipal Budgets not approved on June 9:**

a. Regional : The discussion was that there was little that could be cut as NORSWB was an assessment based on population and AVCOG was based on a 5 year average of State valuation and population. The Growth Council could be reduced some. Mr. Skibitsky asked if they had to have a new number to present and was told no. There can be a Town Meeting held where the items can be explained. Mr. Whittemore made a motion to send

the Regional Budget back to the people, which was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. Mrs. Clarke asked to clarify that WVAC was listed in that budget but with no assessment though it had been mentioned in the newspaper article. The vote was taken and was 5-0.

b. Reserve Accounts: Options for cuts and/or removal of items were discussed. One option was to remove items 12, 13, and 14 which were new to this year's budget. Mr. Skibitsky asked if the citizens had voted to have these items placed on the reserve list and was told no. He suggested that it be checked with the State to see if a vote was needed. On Mon. June 22, the warrant will be prepared for a Town Meeting Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at 6:00 PM assuming that the High School is available. Mr. Dennett asked if a vote to establish the items in question be on the warrant prior to the vote being taken. Mr. Gill made a motion that \$240,000 be put before the voters which would cut the Property Revaluation Reserve from \$25,000 to \$20,000 and the Library and Town Office Building reserves would be dropped \$1,000 each to \$1,500 each. Mr. Skibitsky seconded and all were in favor.

c. Executive Budget: Chair Daley said that he felt that this budget had been trimmed as much as possible. The only option would be to reduce staff and services but the townspeople had indicated that they did not want to lose services. He also noted that some citizens are not aware that there is revenue created in the Executive Dept. TM Puiia said they need money to operate but are reimbursed for some of it. This budget also already reflects the shortened hours of Mrs. Carrier at her request. This year is also the year of the 53 pay periods. Professional Development was considered but most considered the sessions essential. Even though folks had been trained on the Trio system, TM Puiia said, it is necessary to keep up with changes and updates. Mr. Belskis was in the audience and said that he had a petition he would be getting signatures on to bring the Sewer and Water collector position back to Town and break the contract with Mexico Sewer and Water which would add one employee. Mr. Skibitsky said it would not affect this budget but the Sewer and Water budget. A motion was made by Mr. Skibitsky and seconded by Mr. Gill to put this budget before the people for discussion. All were in favor. The Town Manager asked for a motion to hold the Town Meeting and Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to hold a Town Meeting Wednesday, July 1 at 6:00PM at the High School. Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. Whittemore thanked Scott Belskis for his service to the Town, and welcomed Mr. Skibitsky to the Board. Mr. Gill said he would like to welcome Mr. Skibitsky to the Board. Mr. Skibitsky moved to adjourn, Mr. Whittemore seconded and all agreed at 6:22PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine H. Clarke, secretary  
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