

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD
BUDGET MEETING 2016-2017 MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, April 4, 2016
LUDDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Attendance

Selectmen: Hart Daley, Dana Whittemore, Malcolm Gill, Norman Mitchell, Eugene Skibitsky, Town Mgr. Carlo Puiia.

Public: Mrs. Mitchell, Susan Holmes, Norine Clarke, WVACTv.

1. Chairman Hart Daley called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda adjustments: Amended Hand out for Spring clean-up was reviewed by the Board.
2. New Business: Completion of Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles
 - a. Article 8 reviewed to be voted on at Town Meeting, not at June vote
 - b. Article 9 permission to replace culvert on Science Hill to access two cemeteries (Science Hill and Eddy) and to deter damage to the lower part of the hill which the Town maintains. The Town does not own the property but does have an easement. This is a one time item but once the culvert is installed by the Town, it will have to be maintained by the Town.
 - c. Article 4 interest rate if taxes are late or overpaid. After discussion, this item was left as is.
 - d. Article 21 \$300 requested by Animal Advocates is to be moved to the Animal Control Budget to be given to the Dixfield Cat Care group.
 - e. Article 9 will have the voting hours added to it.
 - f. Article 11 will have the Selectmen's vote corrected from 4-1 to 3 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 absent.
 - g. Article 20 will be called INSURANCES. The words AND BENEFITS will be stricken for clarity purposes.
 - h. Article 24 was amended. The Finance Committee had recommended that money be added to the Public Works Equipment line to start a replacement fund for the "Wheeler" which will need to be replaced in about 6 years. The Selectmen thought it was a wise decision and voted to make the same recommendation. Mr. Skibitsky made the motion, Mr. Gill seconded and all were in favor.
 - i. Article 26 which refers to the amount to be taken from surplus to lower the tax rate was discussed and the Board decided to make the decision of how much should be taken closer to the time of the tax commitment.
 - j. Article 27 Wind Energy Ordinance Vote. Following discussion about the wording of

the Article, Mr. Mitchell made a motion to change the proposed wording to remove the recommendation of the Planning Board, that the Explanation be moved ahead of the Recommendation by the Select Board and add the remainder of the petition language. Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion and the vote was 3-2 with Mr. Skibitsky and Mr. Gill voting no.

Mrs. Holmes asked what kind of insurances were in Article 20 and was told it contains all necessary insurances except for employee coverage.

Mr. Mitchell questioned renaming the Executive Department to General Government. No action was taken.

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to accept the Warrant as amended items 1-26. Mr. Whittemore seconded and the vote was 5-0.

1. Other Business: None
2. FYI: As on Agenda
3. Next Meeting: As on Agenda
4. Adjournment: At 6:44 PM Mr. Gill made a motion to adjourn followed by a second from Mr. Whittemore. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine Clarke