

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, April 11, 2016 – 5:30PM
LUDDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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

Town Employees present: Town Manager Carlo Puiia, PW Foreman Randy Glover, Police Chief Howe, CEO Mike Moore

Citizens present: Aaron Jamison, Dan McKay, Mrs. N. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holman, Susan Holmes, Grayson Child, Royal Swan, Rick Davis and note taker Norine Clarke.

Non-Citizens: none

Press present: Lew. Sun, Matt Daigle

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Daley opened the meeting at 5:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Agenda Adjustments:

- a. to 4b add #90
- b. to 5 add Public Comment policy
 - c. to 11 add Spring Clean-up

1. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Whittemore moved that the Minutes of March 28 be accepted as presented with the comment of thanks for the way that Public Comment had been reported. Mr. Mitchell seconded. Mr. Daley requested that changes be made to Public Comment adding comments said to him during the discussion. Mr. Skibitsky replied that if that was the case, the whole conversation should be recorded to keep it in context. Mr. Swan asked why they were having this discussion. Mr. Daley said he wanted it on record of the accusations and comments made toward him. Mr. Whittemore said he would retract his motion and Mr. Mitchell retracted his second. Mr. Holman asked if they knew why Tom Carroll was here and told them that he was going to address the situation with Mr. Albert Lane of Winter Hill Road which is why he had not spoken to any of "us". Mrs. Clarke noted that if Mr. Daley read the comments about the discussion, he would see that the Town Office would have a copy of the DVD of the meeting and gave directions to find it on You Tube. Mr. Whittemore made a new motion that asked that the minutes of the meeting be accepted as presented as long as the DVD is available. Mr. Skibitsky seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0 with Mr. Mitchell voting against. Mr. Whittemore made a motion to accept the minutes of the Budget Meeting of March 21, 2016 and Mr. Gill seconded. All were in favor. Mr. Whittemore made a motion to accept the minutes of the April 4, 2016 Budget Meeting and Mr. Skibitsky seconded.

Vote was 5-0 all in favor.

1. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

Mr. Skibitsky moved to accept the warrants and payrolls as amended. Mr. Whittemore seconded and all 5 were in favor.

1. Public Comment:

TM Puia had suggested that Public Comment be moved to earlier in the Agenda and passed out a copy of the Policy. Mr. Jamison asked that it be moved until after Mr. Daley's remarks later in the Agenda. Mr. Gill made a motion and Mr. Skibitsky seconded that it be moved to later for this meeting. The vote was 4-1 with Mr. Mitchell opposed.

1. Department Head Reports:

- a. Mr. Glover was asked if he had anything to report and said not unless there are questions. Mr. Skibitsky asked about the sweeper and how effective it had been this year. Mr. Glover said there had been some adjustments and there was less sand to clean up. Mrs. Holmes commented that she appreciated the use of the water which cut down on the dust. Mr. Glover said they would finish on Tues if it did not rain too hard.
- b. Chief Howe reported that there would be an Open Forum on April 20, 2016 to discuss the current problem with Heroin and Opiates. It will be held at the Mountain Valley Middle School from 6-8 PM. The Department will be working on Bike Safety locally. He reported that he had been trying to find ATV access routes on local roads and working with Mr. Whittemore. There seem to be no additional opportunities.

1. New Business:

- a. Warrant for Town Meeting: Article 20 will have a new title. Instead of Insurance and Benefits, it will be labeled Liability Insurance. Mr. Mitchell made a motion to accept the warrant and Mr. Whittemore seconded. The vote was 3-2 with Mr. Gill and Mr. Skibitsky opposed. The three in favor signed the Warrant for distribution.
- b. Sewer Contract: Mr. Whittemore attended a meeting about a month ago. The current contract expires Mar, 2017. He said they did not have to decide tonight but could have it ready for Sept 2016 for the next meeting. Mr. Gill reported that Anne Young would like to be present at the next Dixfield Sewer Meeting. There may be an issue with the location of the pipes when the new bridge is built between Mexico and Peru. The hope is that when that section of Route 2 was re-worked that this was taken into consideration. At that time, Dixfield signed a lease for the force main in order to borrow money. Further discussion will be held at the next meeting.
- c. Certification for the Wind Ordinance was signed by Mr. Daley, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Whittemore.
- d. Chairman's address to the Board and Public: SEE ATTACHED

1. Other Business: none

2. Public Comment:

Mr. McKay made several comments about "dbc's" or what is known as inaudible sound. He said that the Navy had done tests and had found it caused problems. You can turn up a radio to cover humming but you can not cover dbc's. Mr. Daley said he did not think it was right to sacrifice people for the benefit of industry. Mr. Skibitsky asked why is the DEP not covering it if they are so harmful? Mr. McKay said that someone has to present

a change to them. Mr. Child asked why do people stay near the towers or the sounds at Irving. Mr. Whittemore said it was because they receive abatements. Mr. Child said that Dixfield needs businesses. Mr. Holman asked about negotiations and Mr. Whittemore said that Mr. Carroll said it would not be “economically feasible” to meet that many mitigation wavers. Mrs. Holmes took note of the fact that folks that get extra compensation ask for exorbitant amounts and special treatment. Mr. Lane for instance has asked for way above market value and, wants to keep the land so his son can live there. She also noted that she appreciated the calmer atmosphere of tonight's meeting. Mr. Holman said that the last meeting got a “little heated” on both sides and he wanted to apologize. Mr. Daley said “Thank you.” Mr. Holman said he talked to Mr. Carroll, after the fact and after the numbers were put out. He asked Mr. Carroll will these numbers prevent the project and Mr. Carroll said “Yes”. Mr. Holman asked what did Canton and Carthage use. Mr. Holman called Mr. Carroll because the Board asked him to. Mr. Carroll did not call Mr. Holman. Mr. Holman said that there was a rumor he would get \$600,000 which is not so. He gave the details of the lease, and what his plans might be if he did get money. When Patriots first came to town, Mr. Holman did not want them then he saw the benefits to him and the town. Mr. Daley thanked him for being open. Mr. Daley said he does not see the financial advantage to the town. There is not enough gain to cover the damage. Mrs. Holmes noted the sounds get less as they go out from the towers and Col. Holman's towers should be 1 mile away. Mr. Daley responded that the new petition asking for 42 at night makes a larger change. The distance between 28 and 42 decibels is 4 times the sound, not 2 times. Mrs. Holmes noted that there is more sound from the 4000 cars on Route 2 every day. Mr. Daley said his argument was not with Mr. Holman but with Mr. Carroll. Mrs. Holmes said much information is given as truth but not all of the story is given or has been misread. Mr. McKay said he had concern for Mr. Holman. He feels the town should keep Col. Holman as a scenic resource but the town should go to Mr. Holman and talk about “easements” to help Mr. McKay

1. Board Questions and Comments:

Mr. Whittemore mentioned Mike Rogers not being able to come to a public hearing but even if he could send a spread sheet that would help. Mr. Skibitsky, Mr. Gill, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Daley had no comments. Mrs. Holmes asked about the RSU Meeting which will be held Wed. the 14th at 6:00 PM at the DHS Cafeteria.

1. FYI: As noted on agenda and reminder of Spring Clean-up.

2. Next Meeting: Monday, April 25, 2016 at 5:30 PM downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

3. Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6)(E) to discuss a legal matter:

At 8:15PM Mr. Daley made a motion to go into executive session. The chairman declared the Board out at 8:29 p.m. No Action was taken.

Mr. Whittemore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor.

1. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Gill to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine H. Clarke, secretary