

**Town of Dixfield**  
**Selectmen Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 14th, 2018 at 5:30 pm**  
**Ludden Memorial Library**

Board of Selectmen: Norine Clarke, Aaron Jamison, Eugene Skibitsky, Norman Mitchell

Town Employees: Town Manager Carlo Puiia, Board Secretary Silvia Lutick

Town Citizens: Walter Newman, Ricky Davis, Terri Mitchell, Ken Hinkley, Donald Lutick, Royal Swan, and Peter Holman

Press: Tom Rush, WVAC and Bruce Farrin, Sun Journal

**1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Agenda Adjustments:** None

**3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes - April 23, 2018**

Motion was made by Mr. Skibitsky to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 to 0.

**4. Approval of Warrant and Payroll:**

**a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 92, 94**

**b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 91, 93**

**c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 9**

Motion made by Mr. Jamison to accept the warrants. It was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. The vote was 4 to 0.

**5. Department Head Reports: if necessary**

None

## **6. Old Business:**

### **a. Town Wide Revaluation**

Paul Binette, the Town's assessing agent from John O'Donnell and Associates, presented Irving Mill abutment reductions explaining the economic obsolescence. The maps were adjusted from last week's discussion. By the Irving Mill, deductions amounted to 20%. Webb River properties all are valued as a T4. However, the properties down near the falls was evaluated as T3. Mr. Skibitsky advised that the properties on the river should be treated like everyone else's. They are more valuable because of being on the water and should therefore be T4, not T3. Paul commented that the State's reduction in education funding has brought a bigger tax increase for the town just from the school.

## **7. New Business:**

### **a. Endorse RSU 56 Warrants**

Mr. Skibitsky makes a motion to endorse the RSU 56 budget evaluation referendum. Ms. Clarke second. Vote came to (2-2). Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Jamison voted against. T.M. Mr. Puiia explained that this vote is not to approve the budget number but to vote on notifying the town citizens and stated that it is an obligation to be filled as a selectman. Ms. Clarke chimed in saying it gives the citizens a chance to vote. Vote remained 2 to 2.

### **b. Oddfellows & Rebekah Scholarships**

T.M. Mr. Puiia presents 10 applicants from the Senior Class of 2018 to be approved for the Oddfellows and Rebekah Scholarships. Mr. Mitchell approved for all 10 applicants to be awarded \$160 each from the \$1,600 available. Mr. Skibitsky seconds. The vote was 4 to 0.

### **c. Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award**

There are two nominations. Mr. Mitchell nominated Albert Spaulding. Ms. Clarke seconded it. Mr. Skibitsky and Mr. Jamison stated it is a tough decision between the nominees. The vote was 4 to 0.

### **d. Chamber of Commerce River Valley Large Adirondack Chair Proposal**

T.M. Mr. Puiia announces that Cheryl Dickson of the River Valley Chamber of Commerce is proposing to disperse 10 oversized Adirondack chairs in each river valley town. She is trying to tie it in with schools making them a fun assignment for the kids. Would like to nickname them "Paul Bunyan Chairs". Mr. Skibitsky suggests to table this proposal until proper knowledge is put forth to take action. i.e. size, dimension, pictures, plans, etc. Ms. Clarke asks of the value. T.M. Mr. Puiia answers that Mrs. Dickson would like to give them to the towns. They have funded enough money to do so.

**e. RSU 56 FY 2018-2019 Assessment**

Town Manager Puiia provided copies and an explanation of the RSU 56 Assessment the Town of Dixfield has received for the next fiscal year. No action was taken.

**8. Other Business: None**

**9. Public Correspondence: None**

**10. Public Comment:** Mr. Lutick asks if a new Town Manager has been chosen. T.M. Mr. Puiia states that will be the topic in tonight's Executive Session. Mr. Holman is concerned about the school budget not passing. T.M. Mr. Puiia says that if it doesn't pass, there will be a referendum again.

**11. Board Questions/Comments: None**

**12. FYI: Annual Town Meeting May 30th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Dirigo High School in the Community Room**

**13. Next Meeting: Monday June 11th, 2018 at 5:30pm downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library**

**14. Executive Session: pursuant to MRS 405 (6) (A) to discuss Personnel Matters**

Mr. Skibitsky makes a motion to enter Executive Session at 6:22 pm. Mr. Jamison seconded. The vote was 4 to 0. The Chair declared the Board out at 7:05 p.m. No action was taken.

**15. Adjournment:** Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,  
Silvia Lutick