

Town of Dixfield

Selectmen Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 11th, 2018

5:30 pm

Ludden Memorial Library

Town Manager: Carlo Puiia

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

Town Employees: Jim White, Randy Glover,

Town Citizens: Donald Lutick, Peter Holman, Ricky Davis, Royal Swan, Donald Litwin, Jennifer Welch Litwin

Guests: Tabaitha Steward, Larry McLain, Terry Andrews

Press: Ben Hines, WVAC and Bruce Farrin, Sun Media

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

2. Agenda Adjustments: #8, under Other Business there is a request for Team Hailey on childhood cancer awareness. Also there is a request on the upcoming Mexico-Peru bridge dedication ceremony.

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes - May 14, 2018

Mr. Skibitsky makes a motion to approve minutes of May 14, 2018 as adjusted. Mr. Jamison seconded. (4-0) Unanimous.

4. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 96, 98, 100, 102

b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 95, 97, 99, 101

c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 10, 11

Mr. Skibitsky makes a motion to approve Warrants and Payroll. Mr. Jamison seconded. (4-0) Unanimous.

5. Department Head Reports:

a. Water Department - Proposed Rate Change

T.M. Mr. Puiia speaks on the rate change and its importance though displeasing for the town's water customers, it is necessary and need to take the appropriate steps. A public hearing will be scheduled for July 9th regarding the proposed rate increase at 5:30pm in the Ludden Memorial Library.

b. Public Works Department

Mr. Glover summarizes the spring projects. The flag pole is painted and illuminates at night. Once the budget passes, they will start paving roads. Spring clean-up went well. More people are taking advantage of it. Mr. Jamison brought up a concern regarding the money that was set aside from last year to start up projects earlier this year. T.M. Mr. Puiia explained the situation where Hall Hill entrance was done ahead of schedule. Mr. Glover concludes with confidence of starting summer projects soon.

6. Old Business:

a. Chamber of Commerce River Valley Large Adirondack Chair Proposal

T.M. Mr. Puiia apologizes for not having the email stating all the information on the Adirondack chairs. He gives the estimated dimensions. The back is 7 and 1/2 feet tall. The front of it sits 3 feet high. The width is 4 feet and the depth is 6-7 feet. Mrs. Clarke makes note that it is a nice gift to the town. Dixfield's chair will be blue. Jim White suggests spar varnish to protect it from weather. Mexico and Rumford received theirs. Mrs. Clarke suggests that we do away with the kiosk and replace it with the Adirondack chair.

7. New Business:

a. Wright Pierce Engineering Services Proposal for Route 2 Sewer Vault

It is suggested and agreed upon to schedule another meeting with the Mexico Water District because of just receiving the information. Need time to review. Mr. Glover declares that Public Works can raise manhole covers. T.M. Mr. Puiia states that there will be about \$57,929 in the sewer repair and replacement account.

8. Other Business:

1st: Request for Team Hailey - childhood cancer awareness is presented by Donald Litwin and Tabaitha Steward (Hailey's Mother).

Tabaitha Steward gives insight on what happened to her daughter. At 5 years old, her daughter Hailey had been diagnosed with leukemia. On September 23rd of 2017 she passed away. To bring cancer awareness, in honor of her and all the other children battling cancer in Maine, she is asking that the month of September be set aside in remembrance. It had been Hailey's idea to go to the towns and ask for help in fundraisers to bring out cancer awareness. Currently, 80 towns have signed. Once signed, it will be considered permanent. Hailey was 1 of 4 that die of cancer in just the state of Maine alone. 400 children are diagnosed a year. Mrs. Clarke asks if they are asking for an endorsement of donation. Tabaitha says both, but with the endorsement it brings awareness. She would also like to have license plates that are colored gold but needs 200,000 pre-applicants to make it happen. They have helped 45 families from a sum of up to \$15,000 and continue to make a difference in people's lives financially, emotionally and physically. Hailey was a strong girl and was an advocate in cancer awareness. The Board will include the request in the budgeting process.

2nd: Larry McLean says that Peru and Mexico have given the "ok" for the ceremony of the bridge that is under project, to be on Saturday, the 15th of September. DOT would like for all towns to be a part of the ceremony. Larry says that it was suggested for him to ask for the roads to be closed off from thorough traffic 1-2 hours until the ceremony is over. There will be a podium and sound system. The ball field in Peru has been offered to provide a place for a public barbecue. He is asking for as much help as possible. He is expecting a lot of people to be there. The governor and other people of importance will be speaking at the event. DOT has cleared a space of land to provide a place to set a bench with the flag and his son's name along with the four other fallen soldiers his son died with that day written on stones/plaques. Help from the police and fire departments would be a huge help. Mr. Skibitsky makes motion to approve September 15th to hold the ceremony with cooperation to the opening of the bridge and dedication. Mr. Jamison seconded. (4-0) Unanimous

9. Public Correspondence: Letter from Nine Dragons Paper LLC

Mrs. Clarke suggests checking out a video on YouTube about the company.

10. Public Comment: N/A

11. Board Questions/Comments: Mr. Skibitsky is looking forward to his retirement and said it was a pleasure to work for the town

12. FYI: Voting will be June 12th at the American Legion from 8am to 8pm

13. Next Meeting: Monday, June 25th, 2018 at 5:30pm downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

14. Executive Session: pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6) (A) to discuss Personnel Matters

Mr. Jamison makes motion to go into executive session at 6:22 pm. Mr. Mitchell seconds. (4-0) Unanimous. The Board was declared out at 7:05 pm. No action was taken.

15. Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Skibitsky to adjourn at 7:06 pm. Seconded by Mr. Jamison. (4-0) Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Silvia Lutick