

TOWN OF DIXFIELD
Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor
Monday, March 12, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.
Meeting Minutes
Ludden Memorial Library

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

Town Employees: Town Manager Carlo Puia

Town Citizens: Susan Holmes, Peter Holman, Donald Lutick, Dan McKay, Richard Pickett

Media: Ben Hines, WVAC

1. **Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance** – Mrs. Clarke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
2. **Agenda Adjustments:** - Under 3.a. add #78, 3.b. add #77, and 3.c. add #5. Under 6. Other Business we have minutes from December 11, 2017, and number 12. Should be titled under (6)(A) as Personnel Matters.
3. **Approval of Warrants and Payroll:**
 - a. **Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 72, 74, 76**
 - b. **Payroll Warrant #'s: 71, 73, 75**
 - c. **Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 4**

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve the warrants as adjusted. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0.

4. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Appeals Board Ordinance proposal**

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve placing the Appeals Board Ordinance on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as amended. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0.
 - b. **Charter Communications Cable Franchise Agreement**

Town Manager Puia explained and provided the Board copies of information from a Cable Franchise Agreement Workshop he and Mrs. Clarke attended in South Paris. It was put on by Community Concepts and had a Spectrum representative in attendance, as well as Mark Ouellette from Axiom. No action was taken.
 - c. **Oxford County 2018 County Tax Assessment**

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve endorsing the Oxford County Tax Assessment Certificate for the calendar year of 2018. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0.

d. RSU 56 letter regarding options for the 33 Nash Street building

After a few brief remarks, Mr. Skibitsky suggested taking no action at all at this time as the four person board is split on this item. Mrs. Clarke wanted to go on record that she was in favor of allowing the citizens decide by a vote whether or not to accept the building.

5. New Business:

a. Charter Communications distribution of Cable Franchise Fees

Town Manager Puiia explained and provided the Board copies of information from a Cable Franchise Agreement Workshop Cable Franchise Agreement distribution of fees from 2017. Two thirds is automatically distributed to the WVAC per a vote from a Town Meeting. The other third remains at the discretion of the Board or to be returned to the General Fund to help against next year's taxes. No action was necessary.

b. MMA 2017 Workers Compensation Audit Refund

Town Manager Puiia explained and provided the Board copies of information from the MMA's Worker's Compensation Audit Refund. No action was necessary.

c. Team Hailey Hugs Proclamation for the Month of September as National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve supporting the proclamation. It was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The vote was 4 – 0.

d. Election of AVCOG Officers in 2018

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve the Town Manager casting a vote for Dave Duguay for AVCOG President. It was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The vote was 4 – 0.

6. Other Business: Regular Meeting Minutes – December 11, 2017

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve the minutes Regular Meeting Minutes from December 11, 2017. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0.

7. Public Correspondence: None

8. Public Comment: Representative Pickett spoke about the expedited wind energy bill, explaining the process and the possible scenarios before passage. At this time, it was uncertain if it would pass.

9. Board Questions/Comments: Mrs. Clarke spoke about the new traffic light configuration and how it impacts a parking lot and a possible conflict with cars coming around the corner from Weld Street.

10. FYI: Next Budget Meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

:Tuesday, March 13, 2018 joint meeting with Mexico Sewer District at 5:30 pm in the Mexico Town Office Conference Room

11. Next Meeting: Monday, March 26, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

12. Executive Session: pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6) (A) discussion of Personal Matters

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to go into executive session pursuant 1 MRS§405(6)(A) to discuss personnel matters at 6:16 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0. The board was declared out at 6:35 p.m.

13. Executive Session: pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6) (F) discussion of Confidential Records

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to go into executive session pursuant 1 MRS§405(6)(F) to discuss confidential records at 6:36 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0. The board was declared out at 6:55 p.m. Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to deny the request. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0.

14. Adjournment:

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to adjourn at 6:58 p.m.. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4 -0.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlo Puiia