

**TOWN OF DIXFIELD
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, June 13, 2016 – 5:30PM
LUDDEN MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

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

Malcolm Gill was absent.

Town Employees present: Town Manager Carlo Puiia, Police Chief Jeff Howe, Fire Chief Scott Dennett, PW Foreman Randy Glover, CEO Michael Moore and Leo Jolin.

Citizens present: Aaron Jamison, Dan McKay, Peter Holman, Walter Newman, Royal Swan, Barry Prescott, Mrs. Mitchell, Silver Varnum, Scott Belskis, Grayson Child, and note taker Norine Clarke.

Non-Citizens: none

Press present: WVAC tv and Matt Daigle Sun Journal

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

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

1. Public Hearing for comment before the Board of Selectmen consider a vote to renew the American Legion Special Amusement Permit for the purpose of running Bingo games.

The Selectmen agreed that they had heard of no problems and there were no comments from the public. The Chair declared the hearing closed at 6:32pm.

1. Agenda Adjustments:

a. to 5 a add #108

1. Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Whittemore made a motion to accept Regular Meeting minutes of May 23, 2016. Mr. Skibitsky seconded. Three were in favor and Mr. Daley abstained.

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Public Hearing on June 2, 2016. Mr. Daley seconded the motion and the vote was 4 in favor and one absent.

1. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

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

1. Department Head Reports:

a. Police Dept: Chief Howe made the Board aware of a shortfall in the budget due to changes in the Union Contract. It will be approximately \$9,100 short. There are two reimbursements coming but will not arrive until after the end of the fiscal year. One will be for \$980 from the ATV grant funds and one from Oxford Co. Mental Health for \$615. Mr. Jamison questioned if the amount of \$30,000 was all overtime and Chief explained how the overtime scheduling works. Using some of the overlay provided in preparing the budget was discussed and there is more than enough to cover the overdraft. The

reimbursements will be assigned to the account the money is taken from. The Police Dept. first quarterly reports were handed out and the Chief noted that there was a report on Agency Assists attached. The Chief and Dick Pickett have had some discussion on the temporary surfacing of the section of RT 2 along the river which will have major changes next year. The surface will be ground and capped shortly. Work was supposed to start last week and he and Mr. Pickett will make some phone calls about the schedule. Chief was also concerned about the size of the trucks involved in the project. There is a program planned for checking on ATV's in Dixfield. An education-enforcement project conducted in areas where the outside trails connect to the Town streets. They check for registrations, wearing of helmets etc. Summons are only issued for severe infractions. The force does not have any ATVs so they meet the machines on the roads with the cruisers. TM Puiia reported that he and the Chief had recently attended a briefing on prescription marijuana and growing locations and would be receiving more information soon to be able to meet local concerns like locations of the facilities.

b. Public Works: Foreman Glover said that the Spring Work Schedule was complete and the Summer Work had begun. They have been working on Science Hill Road and hope to have the drainage problem under control. They have had the use of a Demo Excavator and have been gathering the gravel run-off, screening it, and re-covering the road surface. When that is complete, they will take the "reclaim" which they have at the Town Garage and put down a surface. The grounds worker has been having a problem keeping up with the fast growing grass and others in the crew have been helping. The Town was notified that the School would not be doing maintenance at Marble Park. This had not been built in to the budget but they are trying to attend to the needs. The bleachers are unsafe and need new seat planks. Barry Prescott said that he had looked into prices for the planks as well as the Foreman had. They will decide on what to use and to make arrangements to use those who had volunteered to do painting and assembly. They will be moved to the Town Garage so they may be worked on inside. Planks planed on four sides for safety was discussed and Peter Holman recommended using spruce or cedar. He also recommended that if there were volunteers to use them. Randy will coordinate the project.

c. Fire Chief: Scott Dennett was present to tell the Board that they expect the new fire truck to be delivered on Saturday. It will require some shifting of equipment in the garage to keep those items that are required under cover. There needs to be some changes made to the outfitting of the new truck and it will go to Erik Designs to have the signage applied.

1. Old Business:

a. Spring Clean-up reply from MMA: TM Puiia contacted MMA to get an opinion on how to handle pick-ups on non- town owned roads. Decisions will need to be made before another year.

b. Recipients of the 2016 Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Scholarships: Out of the 20 applications (which included one post graduate),ten scholarships were awarded. The Board extended their congratulations to the recipients.

1. New Business:

a. Special Amusement Permit Swasey-Torrey Post #100: Mr. Whittemore made a

motion to renew the Special Amusement Permit for Bingo to match the dates on the request. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion and all present were in favor.

b. Dixfield Appointments for Withdrawal Reorganization Committee: Barry Prescott told the Board that a Hearing is scheduled for July 7 at the Dirigo Elementary School. This committee will represent only Dixfield and other committees will represent their towns. Affirmation by the Board is not required but the Board members felt they should approve the applicants. Mr. Skibitsky moved that Barbara Chow, Jen Whittemore, Jen Holmes and Barry Prescott be Dixfield's representatives. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the vote was 4-0 with one absent.

c. and d. were covered earlier in the meeting.

1. **Other Business:** none
2. **Public Correspondence:**

A thank you letter from LifeFlight for last year's donation from the Social Services budget was read. They are in the process of acquiring a third helicopter because during the first 9 months of their current fiscal year they had to turn down 487 calls.

1. **Public Comment:** Mr. Holman reminded everyone to get out and vote tomorrow. Mr. Whittemore said we should have results earlier because of using the ballot machine. Mr. Jamison asked when the vote to withdraw from RSU 10 will be held and was told November.
2. **Board Questions and Comments:** Mr. Mitchell said he would like to remind those who had written letters to the editor should bear in mind that there is an ethics policy. There were no other comments.
3. **FYI: As noted on agenda.**
4. **Next Meeting:** Mon. June 27, 2016 as noted on Agenda.
5. **Adjournment:** Mr. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 6:42. Mr. Whittemore seconded and all present were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Norine H. Clarke, secretary