

Town of Dixfield - Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9th, 2017 - 5:30 pm

Ludden Memorial Library

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

Town Employees: Town Manager Carlo Puiia. Public Works Director Randy Glover, and Leo Jolin

Town Citizens or Guests: Dan McKay, Susan Holmes, Peter Holman, Terri Mitchell, Rick Davis, Barry Breton, Royal Swan, Carol Glover, and Scott Belskis

Media: Bruce Farrin, Rumford Falls Times; Ben Hines, WVAC –TV7

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Clarke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

2. Agenda Adjustments:

Under 4.a. add Warrant #60

4.b. add warrant #59

5.b. Water Department Request

8.a. Election Warrant to sign

8.b. Law Incident Report from the Oxford County Sheriff's Office

3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2016

Mr. Daley made a motion to approve. It was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. The vote was 5 to 0

4. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 56, 58

b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 55, 57

c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 30

Mr. Mitchell made the motion to approve the warrants with the Agenda Adjustments. It was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. The vote was 5 to 0.

5. Department Head Reports:

a. Public Works Department

Randy Glover reported that it was a busy December and start to January. They are a little behind on sidewalks, but made sure one side of Main Street and one side of Weld was cleaned. As it warms up, they will catch up. Budget is still looking good, although there have been 19 events and used 350 tons of salt. Informed the Board of fuel issues they have experienced with the trucks because the State's fuel was not treated properly causing freeze ups.

Barry Breton, a spare driver for the Town of Dixfield, requested using a plow truck with a wing to plow back the shoulders in the Town of Byron in a search for a missing man.

Mr. Jamison made a motion to allow Barry Breton to use town equipment. It was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. The vote was 5 to 0.

6. Old Business:

a. Water Department Contract with Mexico Water District

The Board reviewed the amended Indemnity language in the agreement, but wanted “unless waived by the Mexico Water District” be added to item 7 paragraph A in regards to the ability to hire the MWD’s employees.

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to sign the contract with the added condition. It was seconded by Mr. Mitchell. Mr. Jamison does not support the amounts being charged by the MWD. A discussion ensued regarding the calculation of the fees to be charged from 2017 through 2019. It was suggested that Jim White provide a detailed explanation at the next meeting. The motions were withdrawn.

7. New Business:

a. Request to Install Caution Signs on Common Road

Cassandra Quinn requested Caution Horses Crossing signs to be posted in both directions on the Common Road. There are people with special needs and children riding horses. They must cross the road to the corral area and it makes it difficult and unsafe because of the cars driving fast. It was determined that, if approved, they could be installed in the spring.

Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve the request. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 5 to 0.

b. Med-Care Ambulance Service Assessment

TM Puiia provided the Board with the 2017 med-care assessment figures, and explained the per capita charge and the population figure used. No action was needed.

c. Northern Oxford Regional Solid Waste Board Assessment

TM Puiia provided the Board with the 2017 NORSWB assessment figures, and explained the per capita charge and the population figure used. No action was needed.

8. Other Business:

- a. An election warrant for the new RSU’s School Board was signed.
- b. A Law Incident Report was provided to the Board by the Oxford County Sheriff’s Office for the period of 12/27/16 through 1/8/2017.

9. Public Correspondence: Bicycle Coalition of Maine Letter

10. Public Comment:

Mrs. Holmes expressed her concern for the timeframe the Planning Board would have to get a recommendation on the Wind Energy Ordinance. A complete copy needs to be prepared by April 15th to meet a June 13th vote. Planning Board Chairman Rick Davis will report back to the Board of Selectmen following his meeting on January 19th.

11. Board Questions/Comments:

Mr. Daley expressed his condolences to the family of Mexico Fire Chief Gary Wentzell. We have lost a great member of the community, and it is a huge loss for all the towns in the River Valley, as well as his family.

- 12. FYI: Voting for Special Election of the New School Unit Board Members will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dixfield Swasey-Torrey American Legion Post 100 at 8 River Lane or by Absentee Ballot available from the Town Office until Thursday, January 19, 2017.**
- 13. Next Meeting: Monday, January 23, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library**
- 14. Executive Session: pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter**
A motion was made by Mr. Daley to go in to Executive Session pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6)(A) to discuss a Personnel Matter. It was seconded by Mr. Skibitsky. The vote was 5 to 0 at 6:51 pm. The Chairman declared the Board out of Executive Session at 7:17 pm. No action was taken.
- 15. Adjournment:**
Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 pm. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlo Puiia