

Town of Dixfield

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 14th, 2016

5:30 pm

Ludden Memorial Library

Town Manager: Carlo Puiia

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

Town Employees: Public Works Director Randy Glover, Public Works' Leo Jolin, Ted Berry Company's Matt Timberlake and Paul Pomerleau.

Town Citizens: Peter and Lori Holman, Dan Mckay, Susan Holmes, Dana Whittemore, Jr., Don Lutick, Walter Newman, Barry Prescott, Cliff Hall, Rick Davis, Mike and Ronda Palmer, and Terri Mitchell

Press: WVAC -tv7

1 Mrs. Clarke called the meeting to order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 p.m.

2 Public Hearing: The Town of Dixfield's Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to take testimony prior to consideration of approval of applications for Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permits for the following applicants: Claude Averill, Robert A. Blanchard Sr., Shannon L. Drown, whose application was not yet received, Clifford Hall dba: Dixfield Salvage and Sales, Norman Mitchell and Morrison Motors.

No public comment was received regarding any of the applicants or their applications.

The public hearing was closed at 5:32 pm.

3 Agenda Adjustments: 5a - #44, 5b - #43

4 Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes - October 24th, 2016

Motioned by Mr. Mitchell to approve and seconded by Mr. Jamison.

The vote was unanimous, 5-0.

5 Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

- a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 38, 40, 42, 44
- b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 39, 41, 43
- c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s 26, 27

Motion made by Mr. Skibitsky to approve, and seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The vote was unanimous, 5-0.

6 Department Head Reports:

a. Public Works Department

Randy Glover: Half of our winter sand is all put up, and our trucks are ready to roll for winter, the road construction projects are all completed, and he provided the costs on the two road jobs. The Norton Road job cost was \$50,380.20, which was \$96.75 over the estimate of \$50,283.45. The Severy Hill job cost \$55,882.57, bid at \$62,851.25, for a savings of \$6,968.68.

He also brought forward a request from Irving to use the Town's paint sprayer.

Mrs. Clarke: You doing the job/running the machine?

Mr. Glover: Yes, Leo and I are willing to do it on our own time, but maintaining it is important, and thought it would be a good idea to bring it to the board for permission. Irving helps the Town out frequently.

Mr. Daley: Doesn't have an issue using it

Mr. Glover: Have to be done during the day and depends on weather

Mr. Mitchell: Also doesn't have a problem with it but no overtime/extra paid hours

Mr. Glover: Went to Cemetery today to find return a lost head stone from the 1800's. Leaves to be picked up and brush to be picked up on roads.

Mr. Skibitsky: Questioned if the High and Pine road project corrections were completed.

Mr. Glover: No, and he recommended to bring it to the road committee

T.M. Puiia: The engineer has been contacted, but it has been put off too long.

Mr. Skibitsky: Will this be discussed at a later date/meeting?

Mr. Glover: Yes, we need to address the drain issues.

Mr. Daley: Good job on projects and savings!

7. Old Business:

a. Sewer Operating and Maintenance Contract with Ted Berry

Matt Timberlake: In 2007, an Operating & Maintenance contract was requested. The Town didn't want the wide variations, so we fixed scope of items and put them together with former Town Manager Tom Richmond.

Annually - Item D was budgeted as an estimate. We only charge if a call in happens. We didn't want to charge you upfront for something that may be inaccurate.

Fixed cost: Construction DMT, excluded. Power items: less frequent and amount of mechanical system failures (\$300-\$400). New regulations, which is not a worry. Quarterly bills per yr. Item C= major services. E., F., and G. are for capital improvements.

Mr. Jamison: Emergency power outage: price ea. \$200 on Nov. 16th and a different price/charge in March (pumping equipment).

Mr. Timberlake: Different pump station. We keep a status log.

Mr. Jamison: Need to be more specific on what pump station when its written down. Need to know what station is better and or responds better.

Mr. Timberlake: Gets more information according to the calls. Reduced calls by more than 50%. We use Stevenson's Pumps as they are very reasonable on charge response. We can provide 2016 notes on those calls. Fixed cost carried over.

Mr. Skibitsky: Our Sewer Ordinance is insufficient, and we have no technical know-how on how to draft the ordinance. It needs to get done. Would like to see it done by Dec. 31st, 2017.

Mr. Timberlake: Agrees the ordinance needs to be updated.

Mr. Daley: Other towns having common language.

Mr. Timberlake: Have a couple of drafts.

Mr. Mitchell: How about Mexico

Mrs. Clarke: Get the ball rolling. Send information by end of this year for 2017.

Mr. Skibitsky: Doesn't believe we can have this ready for April 2017.

Mr. Timberlake: Proposal of the deliverable ordinance would provide a time frame. The more the select board is involved, the faster the process. He will have a proposal by Nov. 28th.

Other:

Because the vote passed to withdraw from the RSU, a new school board must be elected, so the town must appoint an Election's Secretary. The Secretary appointed, recommended by the attorney that we have only one secretary instead of 4, will be Mr. Kim Daley. He will be the Secretary for the school board elections.

A motion was made by Mr. Daley and seconded by Mr. Mitchell. The vote was unanimous, 5-0.

8 New business

a Applicants for Automobile Graveyard and/or Junkyard Permits

Mrs. Clarke: Board needs to proceed

Mr. Skibitsky motioned for permits to be approved. It was seconded by Mr. Daley. A vote of 4 to 1, with Mr. Mitchell abstaining.

b Wind Energy Facility Ordinance discussion

T.M. Puiia: Repealing - it failed. A difference of 26 votes. Received Petition today and will do a recount. Have an ordinance on the books, doesn't know what the board wants to do.

Mrs. Clarke: 1. Prove the recount would go through. 2. If it stays as it is now, a decision will have to be made. Correction, or look back on what planning board already made. Believes we can't make any further decisions.

Mr. Daley: If vote stands, recommends to give it to the planning board.

Suggestion by a citizen: Compare the ordinance to the DEP regulations

Mr. Mitchell: Agrees that it should go to the planning board.

ES: Should wait until the revote.

Mr. Rick Davis: What was learned and not learned

Mr. McKay: Should compare the two (ordinance and the DEP). Should review it and go along with the DEP.

Nov. 12th - 42 decibels at night and 55 decibels during the day.

Nov. 8th - twice, people have voted to enact it and then to keep it. Citizens want the ordinance.

Mrs. Clarke: Doesn't want to lose the intent again. The last one was skewed.

Mr. Skibitsky: The current ordinance is legal, it's perfectly valid, so let it stand. Town agreed twice both votes.

Mr. McKay: Believe that that is speculation; just compare 2012's to the DEP!

Mr. Mitchell: All but one of the votes have been "no" vote

Mrs. Holmes: It was not restrictive, as time has gone on, it's become more restrictive. Attorney claims this is the more restrictive.

Mr. Daley: Disagrees

Mr. Holman: Mr. Skibitsky is right, why change the "No" one, work with the "Yes" one.

9 Other Business: N/A

10 Public Correspondence: N/A

11 Public Comment: Mr. Daley: Upset the Patriots lost. Mr. Skibitsky: Agrees, the Patriots losing was upsetting. Mr. Jamison: Didn't lose any sleep over the game.

12 Board Questions/Comments: N/A

13 FYI: The Town Office and Library will be closed Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

14 Next Meeting: Monday, Nov. 28th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

15 Executive Session: pursuant to 1MRS 405 (6)(A) to discuss a Personal Matter

Motioned was made by Hr. Daley and seconded by Mr. Jamison to go into an executive session at 6:35 p.m. The vote was unanimous, 5-0. The Board was declared out f Executive Session at 7:37 p.m.

Mr. Daley made a motion to approve Randy Glover as Employee of The Year. Mr. Jamison seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 5 to 0.

16 Adjournment: Mr. Mitchell made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was unanimous, 5 to 0.