

Town of Dixfield

Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 8th, 2017 at 5:30 pm

Ludden Memorial Library

Board of Selectmen: Norine Clarke, Aaron Jamison, Eugene Skibitsky, Norman Mitchell -
(arrived at 5:39 pm)

Absent: Hart Daley

Town Employees: Town Manager Carlo Puiia, Fire Chief Scott Dennett, Police Chief Jeffrey Howe, CEO Mike Moore, Water Dept. Supervisor Jim White, Note taker Silvia Fowler

Town Citizens: Donald Lutick, Susan Holmes, Peter Holman, Dan McKay, Terri Mitchell, Dana Whittemore, Jr., Royal Swan, Jeff Knight, Ben Welch and Rick Davis

Press: WVAC - Ben Hines

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance: Mrs. Clarke called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Public Hearing: The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comment prior to their vote to consider an Application for Special Amusement Permit for the American Legion Swasey-Torrey Post 100 located at 8 River Lane in Dixfield. Mrs. Clarke offered the opportunity to those in attendance to comment. No comments were made. She closed the hearing at 5:35 p.m.
3. Public Hearing: The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mrs. Clarke. T.M. Mr. Puiia: June 1st a Thursday night at 6:00 pm @ Dirigo High School. Open meeting. Board of Selectmen decided to cover some of the article warrants at the Annual Town Meeting by vote of the body. Some of the items were considered nonnegotiable. Items added: debt services, public safety and health (hydrants, street lights, and ambulance), liability insurances (employment practices, law enforcement, public officials, general comprehensive property and vehicles), and general assistance. Articles 1-12: conducted at Dirigo High School. Articles 13-29: At polls or absentee ballot. June 8th is the last day to get an absentee ballot. And voting is on the 13th. We reelect some of the municipal committee members, set the tax collection dates, set the rate of interest for delinquent taxes, and approve the use of our revenue sources. Article 7: To see if the town will adopt the following vote - amount to be raised and appropriated for any department for the fiscal year of 2018 that fails to pass by referendum vote shall be the same amount raised and appropriated for the prior fiscal year, unless the Board of Selectmen chooses to present a modified budget in a subsequent referendum until the modified budget passes or the Board of

Selectmen chooses to call for a special Town Meeting to present the vote by the modified budget. Three options were spoken of at the last meeting: 1st, to revert to last year's budget. 2nd, was to have another referendum election (with some downside to that idea - later date of getting tax bills out). 3rd would be to hold a special Town Meeting. The Board believes that a Town Meeting gives the chance of bringing the citizens together to discuss why the budget was defeated and what they think is the best for the town. All budgets passed last year.

Mr. Dana Whittemore: Article 28: Do you remember what the undesignated surplus total was?
T.M. Mr. Puiia: Last year it was around 862,000. We needed \$355,000 a month. The preliminary looks good in surplus right now.

Mr. Dan McKay: Referendum: Is it going to show the Selectmen's recommendation amount or show all three amounts? T.M. Mr. Puiia: It will be the Selectmen's amount only on the ballots.

4. Agenda Adjustments:

- Add #97 to 6a and #96 to 6b
- Moving the discussion of the Sewer Ordinance to the end of the meeting

5. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting Minutes - April 10, 2017

Motioned (Mr. Skibitsky) Seconded (Mr. Jaimison) (4-0)

Mr. Daley absent.

6. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 89, 91, 93, 95,

- Added #97

b. Payroll Warrant #'s 88, 90, 92, 94,

- Added #96

c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 8, 9

7. Department Head Reports:

a. Water Department - River Lane Water Line

Jim: Had a gentlemen come in did some line tracing with us. He believes we can cut the cost of the job. The materials. To do phase one of the project will be around \$10,700. Mr. Skibitsky: Where does the line run? Jim: Located tapped in at the main, under the sidewalk at the exit of the bank. The first part of this project (phase 1) is to get all these houses off of this main. Two years ago we had a main break in the parking lot of River Lane and fixed it. This phase 1 of the projects allows us take the houses and get it on to the 6 inch main that runs behind the American Legion Hall. Gives them the opportunity to shut off the valve they installed and put the houses on a new main. Phase 2 would be to cut off the sidewalk and go down into the main and discontinue it. Have to find the taps. Keeps us out of the road. It's becoming very complex because of the sewer and property lines. Mr. Skibitsky: When will this be taking place? Jim: Next week. Mrs. Clarke: Just need approval to start on phase 1? Phase 2 is another whole process? Jim: Yes and was hoping to get this enough under budget. We can only pump from 8:20 p.m. to 6:40 a.m.. We're not pumping at full capacity... about 85% capacity. Pumping about 280 gallons per min. If its brought up to full speed, it should be pumping 350 gallons per min. Trying to piggyback off of Mexico. Will save money that way. Need to redevelop wells. Mrs. Clarke: What do you mean by redevelop? Is it common? Jim: Yes, every 10-12 years. They look at the screen and observe the buildup on it. They do a chemical cleaning or a physical cleaning. The pump is 9 years old. Could wait until next year but would like for the well to pump at full capacity. \$200,000 in reserve account. \$6,000 to spend *** Mrs. Clarke: Believes doing it now would be smarter before any problems occur. Mr. Skibitsky: Requests to bring it up to the next meeting for better/accurate figures. Makes a motion to start River Lane. Mr. Jaimison seconds. (4-0)

8. Old Business:

a. Sewer Ordinance: Workshop Format - discussion remains amongst Board members

- Moved to end of meeting for time sake for audience members

Mrs. Clarke and Mr. Jamison were the only two who looked over packet of the sewer ordinance.

Mrs. Clarke: Points out concerns throughout the packet. pg. 9, Pg. 12, #4 Sand, clay or loam? Pg. 13, RMSD - needs to be spelled out somewhere. Pg. 14, 3.2 Need of simpler language use. Pg. 15, not complete. Pg. 16, 5.2 written notice at town office? - Something to be correlated. Mr. Skibitsky: The Town office isn't going to do anything but give it to the Super Attendant. Mrs. Clarke: 5.6 Didn't understand. Mr. Skibitsky: Clarified meaning: It's saying you have to comply, have to follow the rules. 6.3 Mrs. Clarke: Who's responsible for checking the sewer meters? T.M. Mr. Puiia: Permit - commercial, residential or nonresidential. Mr. Jamison: 6.4, Water usage... some of it isn't necessary. Mrs. Clarke: Pg. 19 and Pg. 20, result in fine. Pg. 21, on the bottom of the page - estimated 75%. Pg. 24 and 25 fees need to be listed. Pg. 27, can cross out. Mr. Jamison: Pg. 33, c - shall be provided - what IS provided. Pg. 35 Permits and forms. Pg. 36 Pg. 37, 11.8 - man holes? Was taken out. Back section changed.

Mr. Skibitsky: Packet needs to be simplified and clarified. T.M. Mr. Puiia: Will contact Matt Timberlake

9. New Business:

a. Application for Special Amusement Permit: American Legion Swasey-Torrey Post 100

Motioned (Mr. Jamison) Seconded (Mr. Mitchell) (4-0)

Mr. Daley absent

b. Appointment of Planning Board member/Associate (alternate) Planning Board member

Vote for alternate, Mr. Donald Lutick to fill open position on Planning Board - Motioned (Mr. Jamison)

Seconded (Mr. Skibitsky) (3-1)

Mr. Mitchell abstained

Vote for an alternate. Mr. Skibitsky nominated Mrs. Susan Holmes. Motioned (Mr. Skibitsky) Seconded (Mr. Jamison). The vote was 3 to 1, Mr. Mitchell abstained.

10. Other Business: Reminder for Citizen of the Year nominations and Town report Dedication nominations.

Mrs. Clarke: Only one nomination so far.

11. Public Correspondence: Thank you from WVAC TV 7.

Mrs. Clarke

12. Public Comment:

Mr. Dan McKay: Is there a board position available? T.M. Mr. Puiia: Yes, Mr. Mitchell's 3 year term is up.

Mr. Peter Holman: Steep tax - believes leaving RSU 10 is a good. Wind project would benefit with taxes. A local ordinance, with State standards would bring much needed tax dollars to Dixfield. Changes made to sound limits or boundary distances will prohibit any chance of a wind project and its tax revenue.

Mr. Dan McKay: The website being worked on? T.M. Puiia: Have had difficulty but the website should be launching soon within the next couple weeks.

Mr. Dana Whittemore: Schedule for Mike Rogers? T.M. Puiia: Set up for September on a Thursday night. He can update it quite quickly.

Mrs. Susan Holmes: Asks a question about the alternate being able to vote if Planning Board member is absent. Alternate can't vote unless there is a member absent? Also to my knowledge, the Planning Board ignored reviewing the wind ordinance of the town.

And can the Planning Board meetings be taped or recorded?

Mr. Dana Whittemore: Human nature - feelings hurt

Mrs. Clarke: New request (Planning Board not to change intent)

Mr. Skibitsky: Get it to a lawyer.

13. Board Questions/Comments:

Mrs. Clarke: Camera movement during last Selectmen meeting... Concerned about Selectmen Board attendance... Another ordinance needs to be worked on concerning marijuana business (Safety issues and locations)...

14. FYI: The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 1st at 6 p.m. in the Dirigo High School Community Room

: The Annual Election Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13th from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Swasey-Torrey Post 100 at 8 River Lane or by Absentee Ballot from the Town Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until June 8th, 2017.

Mrs. Clarke

15. Next Meeting: Monday, May 22, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

Mrs. Clarke

16. Adjournment: Mrs. Clarke

Motioned (Mr. Jamison) Seconded (Mr. Skibitsky) Vote was 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Silvia K. Fowler