

Town of Dixfield

Selectmen Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 23rd, 2018

5:30 pm

Ludden Memorial Library

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

Town Employees: Town Manager: Carlo Puiia, Jim White, Water Dept. Superintendent

Town Citizens: Donald Lutick, Dana Whittemore, Jr., Royal Swan, Peter Holman, Ricky Davis, Dan McKay, Walter Newman, and Terri Mitchell

Press: WVAC- Thomas Rush; Sun Journal – Bruce Farrin

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance - Mrs. Clarke called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and requested those present to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 a Special Amusement Permit (BINGO) for the American Legion Swasey-Torrey Post 100 located at 8 River Lane in Dixfield.

After reading in to record the application, Mrs. Clarke opened the public hearing to anyone present who would like to offer any comments regarding the Legion's application. There were no comments received. The public hearing was declared closed at 5:32 p.m.

3. Agenda Adjustments: T.M Mr. Puiia: 4.a. add #90, 4.b. add #89, and 4.c. add #8; 5.a. will be changed to from Fire to Water Department report; and #14 Executive Session is canceled.

4. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 87, 90

b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 88, 89

c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 8

Mr. Skibitsky made the motion to approve the warrants as amended. Mr. Jamison seconded. The vote was 4-0.

5. Department Head Reports

a. Water Department: Jim White provide a quote from Denis L. Maher to address the number 2 well supply. Monthly testing of wells found a problem with the pump and motor on the back up well. Mr. Skibitsky questioned if this was the first time the Town has had to put any money into the back up well, and Mr. White informed him that he was correct. Mr. Skibitsky made a motion to approve the pump and motor replacement at an amount of \$9,384 give or take 10% to cover any possible per diem costs. It was seconded by Mr. Jamison. The vote was 4-0.

6. Old Business:

a. Property Revaluation Progress Report from John E. O'Donnell & Associates: The progress report requested a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to review the proposed schedules to be used in the final leg of the valuation process. It was proposed to have a workshop with O'Donnell's either on May 7th or May 21st. The Town Manager will contact O'Donnell's to make the necessary arrangements to schedule this special meeting

7. New Business:

a. Special Amusement Permit (BINGO) for the American Legion Swasey-Torrey Post #100:

Mr. Skibitsky made the motion to approve the Special Amusement Permit for the American Legion. Mr. Jamison seconded. The vote was 4-0.

b. Mexico Sewer District: Route 2 Engineering and Contractor for Route 2 Vault and Manhole Work:

Mr. Skibitsky made the motion to approve Mexico Sewer District hiring Wright-Pierce to engineer the sewer plant vault door, and also allow them to coordinate the contractor involved in the Route 2 project to install the doors and address any manhole covers needing adjustment. Mr. Jamison seconded. The vote was 4-0.

c. Town of Rumford Request for Contributions to their Police K9 Program

Mr. Mitchell was opposed as the Oxford County Sherriff's department has a canine available and we already pay for that service through our county taxes. Mr. Skibitsky believes it should be put into the budget next year to consider. Mr. Skibitsky made the motion to table the item until next budget season. Mr. Jamison seconded. The vote was 4-0.

d. Franklin County Animal Shelter Letter

Mr. Skibitsky made the motion to table until our Animal Control Officer, Anne Simmons-Edmunds, can review the proposal. Mr. Mitchell seconded. The vote was 4-0.

e. Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Skibitsky made the motion to approve the Annual Town Meeting warrants as written. Mr. Jamison seconded. The vote was 4-0.

f. Referendum Ballot for June 12, 2018 Budget Items and Elections

The Board reviewed the ballot for the June 12, 2018 elections. No amendments were needed.

g. Spring Clean-Up Notice

The Board reviewed the Spring clean-up notice. No amendments were needed.

8. Other Business: N/A

9. Public Correspondence: Thank you card from Western Valley Access Channel

A thank you card from WVAC expressing their appreciation for the funding the Town of Dixfield provides them was read aloud.

10. Public Comment: none

11. Board Questions/Comments: none

12. FYI: Annual Town Meeting May 30th, 2018 at 6:00 pm at Dirigo High School in the Community Room

13. Next Meeting: Monday, May 14th, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

14. Executive Session: pursuant to 1 MRS §405 (6) (A) to discuss Personnel Matters - canceled

15. Adournment: Mrs. Clarke made the motion to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Mr. Skibitsky seconded. The vote was 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlo Puiia