

Town of Dixfield
Board of Selectmen
Monday, September 10th, 2018
5:30 pm
Ludden Memorial Library

Selectmen: All Present
Norine Clarke, Norman Mitchell, Aaron Jamison, Montell Kennedy, Peter Holmon

Audience: Walter Newman, Dan Mckay, Royal Swan, Ricky Davis

Town Manager: Dustin Starbuck

Press: WVAC
Bruce Farrin

1 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

2 Regular Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2018

Mr. Jamison makes a motion to approve meeting minutes of August 27, 2018 as read. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (5-0) Vote unanimous.

3 Agenda Adjustments: Tree Growth on a citizen's property added to agenda item #7 New Business.

4 Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 21, 23

b Payroll Warrant #'s: 22

c Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: N/A

- Added # 18 and # 19

Mr. Jamison makes a motion to approval Approval of Warrants and Payroll as adjusted. Mr. Holmon seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

5 Department Head Reports:

a Fire Department: T.M. Mr. Starbuck states Mr. Chief Dennett was unable to make it. However, Mr. Dennett gave him the updates on where the Fire Department stands. The report: They received the truck back and the arial test is scheduled for this Friday the 14th of September, 2018.

6 Old Business:

a Cable Franchise Agreement - Update

T.M. Mr. Starbuck says that Spectrum sent an agreement from last October, 2017. He states Mr. Puiia had delayed them. The main model agreement is an estimated 40 pages. Mr. Starbuck claims Spectrum should have no issue on the agreement. He is suggesting 15 people per mile minimum. He also points out that Spectrum hadn't done anything about the Public and Education channel. Proposing that Spectrum dedicate a gross revenue of 1% in the funding source. This

would accumulate to about \$5,000 a year which is minimal. Mrs. Clarke points out that the Public Works Department and Dixfield Police Department have different addresses. As noted, they share the same location. Mr. Starbuck agrees and will look into the address(es). Mr. Jamison makes a motion to give Mr. Starbuck the power to negotiate for the town of Dixfield. Mr. Mitchell sends. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

Mr. Mitchell makes mention that East Dixfield needs to be looked at. Jay and East Dixfield have a separate feed. He feels that East Dixfield should receive the same cable sanction as Dixfield since they are apart of the town.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck speaks on the high-speed fiber internet being introduced to Dixfield. GWI (Great Works Internet) need help filling out a survey within the next couple weeks. He notes that it is necessary to take this survey to start the process of receiving the high-speed internet. He reassures there is no cost in filling out the survey.

b Donation Containers - Update

T.M. Mr. Starbuck elaborates on the information concerning the donation containers Royal Swan had brought to the Selectboard's attention from the last meeting. Mr. Starbuck was told that pick up would be every week to ten days. He also notes that it is a profit organization. Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Holmon agree that the donation containers could easily be placed at the landfill. Mr. Jamison shares that even though the Salvation Army and Goodwill are known to be non-profit organizations, the employees are still getting paid and the CEO is making more than enough profit from the organization. Mr. Mitchell says that the Praise Assembly in Rumford, ME and many other places are non-profit and the donation containers would be taking away from these places who already run an efficient and free organization. Mr. Jamison makes a motion to deny the profit making donation container organization and promote the nonprofit places who are already set in place for our surrounding towns. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (5-0) Vote unanimous.

c Nine Dragons revitalization - Update

Mrs. Clarke states the information is still in flux. Mr. Holmon and Mrs. Clarke had attended the most recent meeting. Mr. Holmon wishes there was more participation from the other towns. Mr. Jamison agrees and would like to have a representative from each town to show an interest. It would better our people and our towns. Mrs. Clarke suggests to call Mr. Richard Pickett. She also agrees the people need to show an interest for our area. Mr. Holmon points out there needs to be some kind of incentive. Nine Dragons is open to suggestions and seems to be easy to work with.

7 New Business:

a Board/Committee appointment signatures

Mrs. Clarke makes a point to make sure those who plan to serve on a committee sign the papers/list at the town office verifying your position on the committee. There are two people who applied to committees but are not on the list.

b Ricky Davis resigned from Planning Board - Applied for Appeals Board

->T.M. Mr. Starbuck proposes the alternate from the Planning Board moves into the vacant position Ricky Davis gave up. Mr. Jamison makes a motion to accept Ricky Davis's resignation of the Planning Board. Mr. Holmon seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

->Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to accept Mr. Ricky Davis to the Appeals Board. Mr. Mitchell seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

->Mr. Holmon makes a motion to move Mrs. Susan Holmes from alternate position to vacant full-position on the Planning Board. Mr. Jamison seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

c Sale of Town owned property - Special Town Meeting

T.M. Mr. Starbuck states there is a piece of property shared by both Wilton and East Dixfield. Mr. Starbuck says it is needed to verify if the town of Dixfield has the authority. Also points out that he will put this again on the agenda for next meeting. There is some concern about town-owned property not being in the warrant last year. Mr. Starbuck will receive the information needed to further the action in this property and share with the board at the next meeting.

d Tree Growth

T.M. Mr. Starbuck presents the board on a citizen's concern on tree growth.

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8 Other Business: N/A

9 Public Comment:

T.M. Mr. Starbuck brings up General Assistance. Mrs. Clarke tells him that this item should have been mentioned at the start of the meeting. Agreed they will discuss it further in the next meeting. Mr. Dan McKay asks if the changes are made by the state and how long does the person need to be a resident of Dixfield before he/she receives the assistance/benefits. Mrs. Clarke states there is no way of knowing for sure. One of the ladies in the town office has special training in that particular field. She makes sure everything is according to state regulations.

10 Board Questions/Comments: Mr. Kennedy asks about the Town Report. T.M. Mr. Starbuck says that the last one he knows of was of the year of 2016. Mrs. Clarke states she is sure there is a town report for 2017. Mr. Starbuck says he will look into that. Mr. Kennedy also thanks Mr. Ricky Davis for serving on the Planning Board and welcomes him to the Appeals Board. Mr. Holmon pushes for the towns to get on Board with Nine Dragons.

11 Next Meeting: September 24, 2018 at 5:30 pm downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

12 Executive Session: N/A

13 Adjournment: Mr. Jamison makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mitchell seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.