

Town of Dixfield  
Board of Selectmen  
Monday, January 14th, 2019  
5:30 pm  
Ludden Memorial Library

Selectmen:

Present: Norine Clarke, Norman Mitchell, Montell Kennedy, Peter Holman, Aaron Jamison

Town Manager: Dustin Starbuck

Audience/Town Employees: Donald Lutick, Richard Pickett, Royal Swan, Randy Glover, Jim White, Dan Mckay

1 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

2 Agenda Adjustments: Annual Report of Water and approval of Minutes - November 26th and December 10th of 2018.

3 Approval of Minutes: Mr. Jamison made a motion to approve the minutes of November 26th and December 10th of 2018. Mr. Mitchell seconded. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

4 Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 54, 55, 58, 62

Added: #64

b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 53, 57, 59, 60, 61

Added: #63

c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 28, 29, 1

Mr. Mitchell approved Warrants and Payroll with added items. Mr. Jamison seconded. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

5 Department Head Reports:

a. Public Works

Mr. Randy Glover states the storms have been tricky and he and his crew are doing the best they can. Currently they are short staffed due to an employee with family matters. Mr. Glover hopes he returns soon. Mr. Glover also states he is trying to avoid overtime at all costs.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck is very reluctant to approver overtime for Mr. Glover, sustaining early on in the season.

Mrs. Clarke says that Dixfield isn't the only town with bad roads. Dixfield looks good in comparison to other towns.

Mr. Glover apologizes for the roads and sidewalks. With the storms we've had, the sand pile is taking a hit. Salt wise, we're still at a decent amount.

Mr. Jamison asks when the sidewalks will be cleared.

Mr. Glover says that with the warm up in the next couple of days, a possibility of the sidewalks being cleared off would be Wednesday. He states they can only do the best they can.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck suggests using a backhoe and scrape the sidewalks but realizes it would potentially make it worse.

#### b. Annual Report of Water

Mr. Jim White passes out a packet of the annual report of water. The board agreed to look over the packet and ask questions as Mr. White presents his report.

Mrs. Clarke asks the meaning of a unit.

Mr. White explains it's how many times they deal with the problem by either delaying or fixing the problem until they get it to work again. Not how many hours, but how many times.

The second page of the packets is the amount of water that was pumped at the plant. The third page shows what was pumped versus what was billed. The fourth page is the water audit worksheet - dropped to 8.19%. The fifth page is the overtime report. A total of 79 overtime hours and three charged back to customers. 53 of those 79 hours are construction hours. Mr. White states that while we've dropped 8%, most other water districts have dropped between the 15-20% range.

#### 6 Old Business:

##### a. 2018 Carryforwards

T.M. Mr. Starbuck talks about money budgeted from prior year that was not spent. Would like approval to go ahead with the carryforwards. He also mentions the property Irvings is planning to buy for \$1.00. He adds there additional projects which consists of rebuilding repairs to the library, a new desk, economic development committee, etc.

Mr. Holmon asks about monies for mcgoldrick park. T.M. Mr. Starbuck will get an answer. Mrs. Clarke asks for a motion.

Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to approve carry forwards of 2018. Mr. Jamison seconds. (5-0)  
Vote Unanimous.

#### 7 New Business:

a. Appoint wither Scott Belskis or Tom Leclerc to full member of Appeals Board

T.M. Mr. Starbuck states that both Mr. Belskis and Mr. Leclerc are alternates. There is one opening for a seat on the board. Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to appoint Scott Belskis as a member of the board. Mr. Holmon seconds. (4-1) Mrs. Clarke abstains.

- b. Endorse Childs abatement - Homestead
- c. Municipal Budget Schedule for FIScal Year 2020
- d. Endorse Quitclaim Deed for 40 Acres Averill Hill Rd.
- e. Endorse Quitclaim Deed for 59 Valley Road
- f. Endorse Quitclaim Deed for 12 acres Rollins Ridge Rd.

Discussion of the Town Meeting to be moved to a Saturday instead of a Thursday. Mr. Mckay makes a point of elders not wanting to drive in the dark. Mr. Jamison suggests May 11th or 18th. Mr. Jamison makes a motion for the three Mondays and proposes the 11th of May as the day to hold the Town Meeting. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck gives a quick update on bids of properties. He states that we have picked up more properties since the 26th of December. Before further action, we will wait a few months.

8 Other Business:  
None

9 Public Comment:

Mr. Richard Pickett pay tribute to Greg Viger. Mr. Viger was on the selectmen board for 18 years and always had the best interest for the town. We lost a good man.

Mr. Dan Mckay makes mention of the WesternMaine bus route from Dixfield to Sunday River. Mr. Mckay would like further investigation on the matter.

10 Public Correspondence: Thank you card from Cooper Chiasson and a note from Jon Holmes -Mr. Chiasson thanks the board for scholarship money. Mr. Holmes praises Mr. Glover and his crew for their hard work for the town and keeping the roads nice.

11 Board Questions/Comments:  
None

12 FYI: The Town Office and Library will be close on Monday, January 21, 2019 in observance of the Martin Luther King Day Holiday

13 Next Meeting: January 28, 2019 at 5:30pm downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

14 Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(F) for confidential records  
Mr. Mitchell makes a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (5-0) Vote Unanimous

Adjournment: