

Town of Dixfield

Board of Selectmen

Monday, February 25, 2019

5:30 pm

Ludden Memorial Library

Town Manager: Dustin Starbuck

Selectmen:

Present: Norine Clarke, Peter Holmon, Montell Kennedy, Aaron Jamison

Absent: Norman Mitchell

1 Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance

2 Agenda Adjustments: Selectmen meeting minutes of 1/14/19

Mr. Jamison made a motion to approve the Selectmen meeting minutes of 1/14/19. Mr. Kennedy seconded. (4-0-1) Mr. Mitchell absent.

3 Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

a Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 74

Added: 75

b Payroll Warrant #'s: 73

Added: 76

c Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 4

Mr. Kennedy makes a motion to approve warrants and payroll. Mr. Holmon seconds. (3-1-1) Mr. Jamison opposes. Mr. Mitchell absent.

#### 4 Department Head Reports:

##### a Public Works

T.M. Mr. Starbuck states that there has been no change. The snow dump is full. There is a possibility of renting a dozer - estimate of \$6,000. Mr. Holmon suggests the old mill or contract with Irvings as the last resort to dump snow.

#### 5 Old Business

##### a Med-Care Ambulance Service Assessment

T.M. Mr. Starbuck talks about how the Med-Care capita fee is going up \$4/person. In addition to the per capita going up to \$28 a head, financially they are in such poor shape this year that they're assessing a \$4 dollar fee. This would make for an additional \$10,000 for this year. Two options: We could have a town meeting and have the town vote on it or pay for it out of the overlay.

Mr. Jamison mentions that they're financially hurt because of Obama Care. He states he would like to get the feelings from the citizens of the town - lots of people like their service and don't want to change anything.

Mrs. Clarke suggest we pay out of the overlay to avoid scrambling.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck suggests to add it as an agenda item at the Public Hearing taking place on February 11th. To make an announcements and a quick write up in the paper.

Mr. Dan Mckay suggests to ask if other towns are struggling as well.

#### 6 New Business:

##### a County Assessment

Our assessment for the year: \$156,583. Little change from his pocket.

##### b Paper talks

Mark Pierce who has represented paper talks magazine since 1977. 42 years later, they continue to go strong. On one of the magazines he represents, there is a photo of a woman nursing a her baby and a bear cub at the same time. This story took place in 1903. We were doing research on Maine wardens and on families that took in injured animals and this story came up. This story has received a lot of

interest around the state. Mark Pierce also states that he is going through each town, making sure to share the story and asks if the town of Dixfield can include themselves as a patron in this year's magazine. The small ad costs \$228 for 60 copies. Would appreciate a commitment by June 15th.

c Bill from AVCOG

d Item from East Dixfield

Purchase of firefighting equipment. Air Respirators are 30 years old. It would be added to next year's budget - \$20,000 (the bill would be split) - Wilton pays for 3 and Dixfield pays for 3. The respirators would be \$6,200 each.

7 Other Business:

None

8 Public Comment:

Mr. Dan Mckay presents and a rate increase in the education budget

9 Public Correspondence:

None

10 Board Questions/Comments:

Mr. Holmon states it's his first time doing the budget.

11 Next Meeting: March 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

12 Executive Session: Pursuant to 1 MRS 405 (6)(A) for personnel matters

Mr. Jamison makes a motion to go into executive session. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (4-0-1) Mr. Mitchell absent. Vote Unanimous.

13 Adjournment