

Town of Dixfield
Board of Selectmen
Monday, January 13, 2020
5:30 pm
Ludden Memorial Library

Selectmen:

Present: Norine Clarke, Ricky Davis, Montell Kennedy, Peter Holman, Norman Mitchell

Town Manager:

Dustin Starbuck

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of silence for Susan Holmes
2. Agenda Adjustments:
3. Approval of Minutes: Dec 16
Discussion over terminology was resolved.
Mr. Holman approved Minutes of Dec. 16th. Mr. Montell seconded. (3-0-1) Mr. Mitchell abstained.
4. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:
 - a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 51, 54
Added 56
 - b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 50, 52, 53
Added 55
 - c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 26, 27
Added 1

Mr. Montell motioned to approve warrants and payroll. Mr. Davis seconded. (5-0) Vote Unanimous.

5. Department Head Reports:
 - a. Fire Department
N/A
 - b. Public Works Department
N/A
 - c. Jim End of Year Report
Jim gave the end of the year report. Clarified and answered questions from the board.
Performance list: 11 call-ins, 13 shut offs, 152 notices for shut off hand delivered. Route 2 project is done.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Fire Truck
T.M. Mr. Starbuck stated it was suggested to look into Morrison and Sylvester firetruck junk yard in Auburn, ME to resurrect a machine from the junkyard. He also stated he talked to Fire Chief Mr. Dennett about the option and said there's no point in going from a 50-year-old

truck to a 40-year-old truck. After much discussion, the board agreed the idea was an unwise thing to do and that they should continue to go ahead with Chief Dennett's initial proposal in building a new truck.

7. New Business:

a. Meg Smith - water issue 8 Beedy Brook

Turbid water for a while. Jim came over to sample the water and gave them filters for their house during the winter months. Most of the water is okay but the turbidity is a 15.5 and the base line is a .31. Did some research and it stated not to drink anything above a 5. Nervous about iron, bacteria, etc. Believes the filter will help but also have plans to flush the line in the spring.

b. Lift Town garage

A lengthy discussion took place. Bus lift in town garage needed repair. The school decided to go ahead to have it repaired for \$5000. However, they gave the town half the bill (\$2,500) to pay. The select board was very upset but went ahead and agreed take \$2,500 out of overlay to pay half the bill. T.M. Mr. Starbuck will talk to the superintendent about this matter.

c. Distinguished Citizen/Spirit of America nomination

T.M. Mr. Starbuck will advertise in the newspaper.
Nominations due 21st of February.

8. Other Business: Sue Holmes

Angela Varum asked for donation towards the athletics boosters' club of Dirigo. Suggests a donation is given from the town on behalf of Sue.

Mr. Holman says how he would like to have a plaque with her picture on it in the food shack/chow house.

Angela will do some research. Donation idea table for next meeting.

9. Public Correspondence:

N/A

10. Public Comment:

N/A

11. Board Questions/Comments:

N/A

12. Next Meeting:

Monday, January 27, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library

13. Executive Session:

1 MRS 405 (6) (A)

Mr. Davis made a motion to approve executive session 1 MRS 405 (6) (A). Mr. Holman seconded.
Vote Unanimous.

14. Adjournment