

Town of Dixfield
Board of Selectmen
Monday, February 10, 2020
5:30 pm
Ludden Memorial Library

Selectmen:

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

Absent: Norman Mitchell

Town Manager: Dustin Starbuck

Citizens: Donald Lutick, Dan Mckay

Town Employees: Police Chief Mick, Mr. Randy Glover, Mrs. Angela Varnum

Press: WVAC

1. Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Adjustments:
None
3. Approval of Minutes: January 27, 2020
Mr. Davis made a motion to approve minutes of January 27, 2020 with corrections - Mr. Holman's name and 2 reserve officers, 1 full-time... Mr. Kennedy seconded. (4-0-1) Vote unanimous. Mr. Mitchell absent.
4. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:
 - a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 61, 63
 - b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 62, 64
 - c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 3Mr. Kennedy made a motion to approve warrants and payroll. Mr. Holman seconded. (4-0-1) Vote unanimous. Mr. Mitchell absent.
5. Department Head Reports:
 - a. Police Department
Chief Mick states his two reserve officers are all ready to do. The truck is almost ready to put into service.
Chief Mick also stated how he has 5 cases he is currently working on which all took place within the past 5 days.
 - b. Public Works Department
Mr. Glover stated they have been busy but not much to share. Ice is still killing us with salt but trying to on the low side.
Mr. Glover stated he didn't have time to be ready for tonight's meeting but will bring updates and numbers next meeting.

Mr. Glover stated he is trying to keep up with the ice-skating rink but with the warm and cold weather, it's been difficult.

light is on
heat is on
people are using it.

Mr. Holman asks about vandalism. Mr. Glover they have not seen any this season.

Mr. Davis offered help anytime Mr. Glover's team needs it.

6. Old Business:

a. Water Abatement

Mr. Davis made a motion to deny the abatement due to no precautions taken before the couple left for Florida. Mr. Kennedy seconded. (4-0-1) Vote. Unanimous. Mr. Mitchell absent.

b. Police Station/COP Grant

Chief Mick stated he is waiting to hear more and waiting for the approval of the COP grant.

An officer is \$67,000 with everything included. \$38,000 overtime. In four years', time, we would save \$27,000.

Mrs. Varnum states we have a full-time position and asks why we are trying to use the grant if we're looking to fill that full-time position.

Chief Mick state we only have 2 reserve officers and have only one position open.

Mr. Lutick states he has seen the chief working a lot and we should go ahead with the grant and pick up some of the slack. No harm done if we can't fill someone for the grant.

Mrs. Varum states that we run the risk of budgets not being passed - it's going to be bad this year.

Mr. Kennedy asks what happens if the town turns down the budget for the DPD in the next vote in June?

Mr. Holman states that many budgets suffer, that's the chance we take - we should go ahead and do it.

T.M. Mr. Starbuck states that State regulations for 24/7 coverage, departments are required a minimum of 5 officers.

Mr. Davis makes a motion to go ahead and fill the grant. Mr. Kennedy seconds. (4-0-1) Vote Unanimous. Mr. Mitchell absent.

Much discussion on possibilities of locations for the police dept. The blueprint for the back of the firehouse building idea Hugh Daley had back in 2002 is estimated \$560,000 divided by 2

Other buildings require certain upgrades which is very expensive.

Police facility tabled for the time being.

7. New Business:

a. Bangor Bank is selling the building

T.M. Mr. Starbuck stated Sam's Italian is the interested party.

Bangor Bank also want one atm on municipal property.

b. Union Contract

T.M. Mr. Starbuck states there is good news - called on Thursday and they agreed to all the terms. All they ask for is more original signatures and we're all set.

8. Other Business:
Absentee ballots are available now until February 27
9. Public Correspondence:
N/A
10. Public Comment:
N/A
11. Board Questions/Comments:
N/A
12. Next Meeting:
Monday, February 24, 2020 at 5:30 pm downstairs in the Ludden Memorial Library
13. Executive Session:
N/A
14. Adjournment:

Mr. Kennedy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Davis seconded. (4-0-1) Mr. Mitchell absent.