

Town of Dixfield
Selectmen Meeting
December 14, 2020
5:30 - Conference Call

Town Manager: Dustin Starbuck

Select Board: Norine Clarke, Peter Holman, Montel Kennedy, Ricky Davis,
Absent: Norman Mitchell

Town Employees: Randy Glover

Town Citizens: Donald Lutick

1. Roll Call:

2. Agenda Adjustments: Selectmen Meeting Minutes - November 23, 2020

3. Approval of Minutes:

4. Approval of Warrants and Payroll:

- a. Accounts Payable Warrant #'s: 49, 51
- b. Payroll Warrant #'s: 48, 50
- c. Water/Sewer Warrant #'s: 24

No approval of Warrants and Payroll #'s.

5. Department Head Reports:

a. Public Works Department

Randy:

- Shoulders on Mill Street are complete.
- Getting the skating rink ready for the winter.
- Short Discussion about keeping the ice-skating rink under padlock to reduce the vandalism.

6. Old Business:

a. House at 34 Third Street

- T.M. Mr. Starbuck shares bad news - Owner of the house on Third Street was not served by the Sheriff's Department. Due to more important cases i.e., criminal cases, this would not be a first priority.
- Recommends to get more legal advice from our town lawyer.

b. Personnel Policy

- T.M. Mr. Starbuck asks the board if there are any questions and or comments. Mrs. Clarke states she was not at the last meeting and never received a copy of the Personnel Policy. T.M. Mr. Starbuck states he will get the policy over to Mrs. Clarke.

7. New Business:

- a. 2021 Select Board mtg dates

- Mr. Holman makes a motion to go ahead with the regular schedule of twice a month.
Mr. Davis seconds. (4-0-1)

b. Water Budget

- T.M. Mr. Starbuck suggests that the board looks at them and if there are any questions, then we can contact Terri and approve them at the next meeting. We will have to raise rates. The budget we have come with is about \$22,000 in the red. However, Terry believes there is still a lot that needs to be done.
- Mr. Davis makes a motion to table the water budget to January 11, 2021. Mr. Holman seconds. (4-0-1) Mr. Mitchell absent.

c. Sewer Budget

- Will be tabled to January 11, 2021 as well. (\$600,000 to fix Beady Brook)

d. Sewer Contract

- T.M. Mr. Starbuck states that this contract with Ted Berry has to be dealt with tonight.
 - Mr. Davis makes a motion to approve the contract with Ted Berry. To rebuild the station and put in new pumps. Mrs. Clarke believes that if we go ahead with this contract, that we'll be saving money in the long run. Mrs. Clarks also states she believes we have pushed our limit as much as we should and to go ahead with it.
- Mr. Kennedy seconds. (4-0-1) Mr. Mitchell absent.

Note: current water and sewer budget is \$400,000.

8. Other Business:

- a. Rumford/Mexico Sewer District Report
- FYI

9. Public Correspondence: NA

10. Public Comment: NA

11. Board Questions/Comments:

- Mrs. Clarke's cousin has received a lot more than they expected for their food pantry - they are very thankful.
- Mr. Kennedy welcomes the new Sam's Italian restaurant in town. Also, Butch Towels is retiring. Also wishes everyone on the board and those who work for the town,
- Mr. Holman
 - T.M. Mr. Starbuck tells Mr. Holman that there is some
- Mr. Davis states that for as long as he has been in this town, when there is a new business that comes into town, nothing is done to welcome them here.
 - Short discussion as to what and how to welcome them as well as a new owner for Towels.

12. Next Meeting:

- a. Select Board - January 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Location: Video Conference

13. Executive Session: NA

14. Adjournment:

- Mr. Davis makes a motion to adjourn. Mr. Holman seconds.