

**REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING
FEBRUARY 6TH, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M.
MEXICO TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Richard Philbrick-Chairman, Clifford Stewart-Vice Chairman, Thomas T.J. Williams, Reginald Arsenault Jr., A. Byron Ouellette

OTHERS: Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Ben Hines-Channel 7 access, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Recited

MINUTES:

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the regular board of selectmens meeting minutes dated January 16th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

WARRANTS

****Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated January 23rd, 30th, and February 6th, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

MONTHLY BUDGET REVIEW

Selectmen Clifford Stewart stated that we are only 7 months in to the fiscal year and 2 or 3 of our supply accounts are running high. The fire department has spent 99% of their supply budget so far and we still have 5 months left in this budget year. The Police department has spent 72% of their supply budget. We need to keep an eye on this.

TABLED ITEMS

NONE

OLD BUISNESS

NONE

NEW BUISNESS

APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBER

****Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the appointment of Caroline Mitchell to the budget committee. Voted unanimously to approve.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

They are having their Annual Firemen's Relief dinner tonight at 6:00

POLICE REPORT

Written report given

RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT

There was an incident at the rec center last week and we need to move forward on securing the building. In past years it had been discussed that key cards could be made to allow people with a gym membership to have access to the building and that all other doors would be locked at a certain time every night. Reginald Arsenault, Jr., asked if the doors have the ability to be locked and who is going to be responsible to lock them. Jack is going to take a look at the doors and see what needs to be done.

Basketball is still going on.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

We are taking nominations for The Sprite of America Award. Last year's winner was the Mexico Police Explorers. The application for nominations has been uploaded to the town website and Jennifer will get an e-mail and keep track of any nominations. The deadline is 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday February 20th, 2018.

ROAD COMMISSIONER REPORT

Chairman Richard Philbrick was called by a resident of Backkingdom road with a concern about the back side of the road not being salted. Mr. Philbrick went up to take a look at the road. After talking to the road crew that plows and salts the road it was explained to him that they only salt one side of the hill from Harlow Hill to the top, they do not salt the back side of the hill due to the cost of salt. The selectmen then discussed how they could solve this problem by keeping the roads safe and costs down. It was then decided that the town crew would salt all of Backkingdom road right up the middle from Harlow Hill all the way to too where the road ends at the T.

****Motedioned by A. Byron Ouellette, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to allow the town crew to salt right up the middle of the road from Harlow Hill all the way to the T in the road on Backkingdom. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Town manager Jack Gaudet says that our salt consumption is good. He also stated that we are still getting calls at the town office from people who are getting wires stuck in their tires. We just keep telling people that it is a D.O.T. road and to either call D.O.T. or call the mill and file a complaint with them.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT

Written report given

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Dave has sent one case to the lawyer's office to be reviewed. (Harlow Hill Road)
We also have one case where the resident will not accept the certified mail that Dave Errington (code enforcement officer) has been sending to them, going to have law enforcement serve them the letter.

LIBRARY REPORT

None

SELECTMENS REPORT

Clifford Stewart

None

A. Byron Ouellette

I have been in the tire business for about 37 years and for the past 20 or so years I have been fixing people tires because they are picking up wires and causing leaks. This is not a new problem people are just being more vocal about it now. Hopefully all this attention is going to make the mill be more pro-active.

REGINALD ARSENAULT JR.

None

THOMAS T.J. WILLIAMS

Next Tuesday is the Town of Mexico’s Bicentennial celebration.
The post office has gotten a special stamp for us to use on February 13th.

RICHARD PHILBRICK

The firefighter’s relief association is having their annual supper tonight in the hall downstairs. They put on a great meal and I would like to thank them for inviting us (selectmen).

7:30 PUBLIC HEARING

Time in 7:30 p.m.

****Motedioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go into public hearing to discuss the second extension of the existing marijuana moratorium. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Lengthy discussion from the board followed.

Time out 7:42 p.m.

****Motedioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to come out of public hearing from discussing the second extension of the existing marijuana moratorium. Voted unanimously to approve.**

****Motedioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to extend the existing marijuana moratorium for a second time. Voted 4:1 motion passed.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) TO DISCUSS A PERSONNEL MATTER.

Executive session canceled

ADJOURNMENT

****Motedioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by Clifford Stewart to adjourn at 7:42 p.m. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blodgett
Executive Secretary

X _____
Richard Philbrick-Chairman

X _____
Clifford Stewart-Vice Chairman

X _____
A. Byron Ouellette

X _____
Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

X _____
Thomas T.J. Williams