

**TOWN OF MEXICO  
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMENS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M  
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
MINUTES**

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

**OTHERS:** Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richie Jones-Fire Chief, Paul Cayer-Firefighter, Kelsey Bevins-Channel 7, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Time.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE-** Recited

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None

**MINUTES**

**\*\*Motedioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the regular board of selectmen meeting minutes dated February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**WARRANTS**

**\*\*Motedioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated February 12<sup>th</sup>, and the 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**TABLED ITEMS**

None

**OLD BUISNESS**

1. Jennifer has received only one nomination for the Spirit of America Award from Barbara Arsenault, she nominated Arlene Thibeau. Arlene is a resident of Orchard Street in Mexico and has been a volunteer with the Mexico Congregational Church food bank but is more known for making quilts for local veterans. Arlene along with her quilting group T-Gals has donated over 113 quilts to veterans. She is chaplain of the Rumford American Legion Auxiliary, providing spiritual guidance for the 145 members of the organization.

**\*\*Motedioned by Richard Philbrick, second by A. Byron Ouellette to accept the nomination of Arlene Thibeau for the Spirit of America Award. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**NEW BUISNESS**

**1. SET DATES FOR BUDGET MEETINGS**

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. will be the first budget meeting for the upcoming fiscal year 2018-2019 with additional meetings to be set up at this time.

**2. DISCUSSION ON 2016-2017 TOWN REPORT “PHOTO”**

Bicentennial photo

**3. DISCUSSION ON 2016-2017 TOWN REPORT “DEDICATION”**

Pat Thomas

**4. DISCUSSION ON 2016-2017 TOWN REPORT “IN MEMORY OF”**

Chummy Broomhall

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to approve the photo, dedication and in memory of sections of the Annual 2016-2017 Town Report Book with the individuals listed above. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**5. DISCUSSION ON COST OF TOWN REPORT**

Discussed this under Town Managers report

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Just in the 1<sup>st</sup> 20 days of February we have had 12 fire calls, 3 for Mexico, 2 for Byron and 7 out of town mutual aid calls. 117 year to date calls from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to February 20, 2018. At the annual firefighters relief dinner held on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Mike Chartier was given the George Downs Memorial award for fire fighter of the year. We are losing one of our firefighters, for a year Joe Bruns as he is being deployed overseas. Richie Jones would like to hold the annual car show under the name of the Mexico Fire Department instead of the Fire Fighters Relief Association. With any and all monies being raised going to the Fire Fighters Relief Fund.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to allow the Mexico Fire Department hold the car show under their name instead of the Fire Fighters Relief Association. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Marc Mayo is taking over as EMA director as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Chief Jones has submitted paper work to the county.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Written report given

**RECREATION DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Getting ready to start floor hockey

**TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

We need to start thinking about the night of appreciation. Based on last year’s time frame we are looking at October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Jennifer will call the eagles and see if that date is available. We have received a thank you card from Janna Schuster. I was approached by Western Maine Magazine to see if we would like to place an advertisement again this year. Their price is \$185.00 for a black and white ads and \$235.00 for colored ads.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to submitted and add in black and white to the Western Maine Magazine. Voted unanimously to approve.**

We have also received a check for the franchise fees normally we give half to the access channel.

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to give half of the franchise fees to the access channel. Voted unanimously to approve.**

#### **ROAD COMMISSIONERS REPORT**

The town crew has been busy clearing snow from the storm drains

#### **GENERAL ASSISTANCE REPORT**

Written report given

#### **CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

One case has been sent to the lawyer's office

#### **LIRRARY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Written report given

#### **SELECTMENS REPORT**

**Clifford Stewart**

None

**A. Byron Ouellette**

None

**Reginald Arsenault, Jr.**

None

**Thomas T.J. Williams**

The Mexico Library is holding a community conversations brunch on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 11:00. Topics to be discussed are relocating the library, library programming, town budgeting, and medical marijuana. T.J. will be in attendance.

**Richard Philbrick**

None

**Public Discussion**

None

#### **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.**

**TIME IN 6:55 P.M.**

**\*\*Motioned by Richard Philbrick, Second by A. Byron Ouellette to go into executive session pursuant to title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) to discuss a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**TIME OUT 7:00 P.M.**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to come out of executive session pursuant to title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) from discussing a personnel matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**ACTION TAKEN**

Give Jeff Wade a \$100.00 check as a parting gift from the Town of Mexico for all his years of employment.

**2. I MOVE THAT THE BOARD GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO TITLE 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C) TO DISCUSS A POVERTY ABATEMENT.**

**TIME IN 7:02 P.M**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go in to executive session pursuant to title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (C) to discuss a poverty abatement. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**TIME OUT 7:30 P.M**

**\*\*Motioned by T. J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to come out of executive session pursuant to title 1§ M.R.S. A. 405 (6) (C) from discussing a poverty abatement. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**ACTION TAKEN**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to grant poverty abatement in the amount of \$979.00 for the tax year of 2015-2016. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**ADJOURNMNET**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by A, Byron Ouellette to adjourn at 7:52. 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