

**TOWN OF MEXICO  
REGULAR BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018 (TUESDAY) 6:30 P.M.  
TOWN OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM  
MINUTES**

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

**Others:** Jack Gaudet-Town Manager, Jennifer Blodgett-Executive Secretary, Richard Jones-Fire Chief, Kelsey Bevins channel 1301, Bruce Farrin-Rumford Falls Times

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Recited

**Public hearing:**  
None

**Minutes**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the minutes dated April 17, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**Warrants**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to approve the warrants dated April 24, and May 1, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**Monthly Budget Review**

Cliff noticed that the Highway department has been over on budget on their telephone line item account. Will look into this and see what has been coming out of that line.

**Tabled items**

1. Jack has updated the Conflict of Interest Policy and had the board review it.

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Clifford Stewart to accept the updated Conflict of Interest policy. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

**1. SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE**

The selectmen have set their summer meeting schedule they will meet on July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**2. APPOINTMENT OF POLICE RESERVE/CONSTABLE**

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault Jr., second by A. Byron Ouellette to accept the appointment of Dustin Broughton and Matthew Desroches as Police Reserve/Constable. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**3. BICENTENNIAL PARADE AND USE OF BACK PARKING LOT REQUEST**

Jennifer Blodgett as a member of the Mexico Bicentennial committee requested permission to have a parade on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Saturday) starting at 11:00 A.M with a route from the old Franklin Savings Bank parking lot to the Memorial Greens. Jennifer has checked with Police Chief Roy Hodsdon and he has approved the date and route. The bicentennial committee would also like to use the parking lot located behind the Mexico Town Office on the same day to hold an outdoor gathering with food venders and bands.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to allow the bicentennial committee to hold a parade and to use the back parking lot on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Voted unanimously to approve.**

## **Department Reports**

### **Fire Department report**

Jack and Richie Jones submitted paperwork to Maine Municipal Association for a grant for the SCBA bottles. Bancroft sent two guys over to look at cracks in the floor of the fire station. They are going to do up an estimate. We have the paperwork to do a controlled burn on Richards Ave, the tentative date is May 12<sup>th</sup> but we have to push it to May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Police Department report**

The chief has received a letter from a prospect for the open position.

### **Recreation Department report**

Floor hockey is still ongoing. Wayne has been doing some workup to the rec park and the ground is still a bit wet. He believes that the park open full time for the season on May 15, 2018.

### **Town Managers report**

Next school board meeting is Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 at Mountain Valley High School

The school budget vote will take place on May 23, 2018

The windows in the Calvin's Lyons hall have been installed they look good.

July 8, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. is the sign dedication for Greg Arsenault at The Mexico Recreation Park ball fields.

Maine Municipal Association is looking to add members to their Legislative Policy Committee.

The Highway department is now on their summer work schedule, they will work four 10 hour days, Monday through Thursday.

The month of June is when most of the highway crew will be taken their vacation time.

The Mexico Public Library has requested that the road behind the town office be blocked off on July 20, 2018 from 8-4 for one of their programs.

**\*\*Motioned by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., second by T.J. Williams to block the road off behind the town office on July 20, 2018 from 8-4. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **Road Commissioners report**

None

### **General Assistance report**

Written report given.

### **Code Enforcement report**

Written report given.

### **Library report**

Written report given. Also the Mexico Library will be holding its second Community Conversation on May 23, 2018 from 6-8. The board would like it mentioned to Librarian Heather Rogers that the select board would like an invitation to these events in advance of her posting them to the public.

### **Selectmens report**

#### **Clifford Stewart**

None

### **A. Byron Ouellette**

An organization that Fawn Palmer is involved with would like to put a picnic table either down by the boat launch or at the gazebo behind the Mexico Town Office.

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to allow the organization that Fawn Palmer is involved with to put a picnic table out behind the town office by the gazebo. Voted unanimously to approve.**

### **Reginald Arsenault, Jr.**

Would like the Town Manager to call Archie's and let them know that we have had some complaints regarding the recycling truck not closing the doors while he is driving, once he picks up speeding heading back to the transfer station all recyclables are blowing out of the truck and all over the road.

### **T.J. Williams**

None

### **Richard Philbrick**

Spring clean starts Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 a.m. everything needs to be curbside by that time as there will be no repeat trips made. Also both Mexico and Rumford did a community clean-up on April 29<sup>th</sup>. They focused their efforts on route 2 from McDonalds to Wal-Mart and managed to pick up 48 bags of trash. Great job to everyone involved.

### **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 7:15 P.M.

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., 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 7:36 P.M

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., 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**

None

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

Time in 7:31 P.M.

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to go into executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A 405 (6) (A) to discuss a legal matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Time out 7:50 P.M.

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by Reginald Arsenault, Jr., to come out of executive session pursuant to Title 1§ M.R.S.A. 405 (6) (A) from discussing a legal matter. Voted unanimously to approve.**

**Action taken**

None

**Adjournment**

**\*\*Motioned by T.J. Williams, second by A. Byron Ouellette to adjourn at 7:51 P.M. Voted unanimously to approve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Blodgett  
Executive Secretary

X  
Richard Philbrick-Chairman

X  
Clifford Stewart-Vice Chair

X  
A. Byron Ouellette

X  
Reginald Arsenault, Jr.

X  
Thomas T.J. Williams

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_